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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2317

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE SALARY CAP FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS; AND FOR  
3 RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE  
4 OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
9 criminal investigator.

10 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,  
11 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and  
12 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional  
13 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time  
14 criminal investigators.

15 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and  
16 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)  
17 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three  
18 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

19 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
20 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
21 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

22 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
23 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not less than  
24 Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) per annum, nor more than  
25 Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$43,600.00) per annum,  
26 to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based  
27 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal

28 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
29 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. \* \* \* The maximum salary  
30 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
31 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
32 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
33 assistant to a district attorney.

34 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
35 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
36 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of  
37 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal  
38 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program  
39 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district  
40 attorney.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 1999.