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To: Juvenile Justice;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2614

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE JUDICIAL DETENTION FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 4, CHAPTER
3 546, LAWS OF 1995, TO AMEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-317, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 43-21-317. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
9 fund to be known as the "Juvenile Detention Fund" which shall be
10 administered by the Department of Public Safety. Such fund shall
11 be used for the purposes established in this section. The
12 Department of Public Safety shall promulgate regulations for the
13 administration of the fund including applications for grants, the
14 awarding of grants and any necessary forms therefor.

15 (2) The fund shall consist of funds which shall be
16 appropriated by the Legislature in an amount equal to Five Dollars
17 (\$5.00) for each person in the total population of the State of
18 Mississippi. Any interest which accrues in the fund shall remain
19 in the fund and at the end of the fiscal year any monies remaining
20 in the fund shall not lapse into the General Fund but shall remain
21 in the fund until July 1, 2003, at which time such remaining funds
22 shall lapse into the General Fund.

23 (3) The fund shall be used for the following purposes:

24 (a) To provide grants to local governmental units to
25 construct, renovate and maintain juvenile detention facilities.
26 Grants shall be awarded on a Five Dollar (\$5.00) per capita basis
27 based on the population of the local governmental unit. Counties

28 and municipalities are encouraged to enter into interlocal
29 agreements to receive grants.

30 (b) To reduce existing indebtedness related to juvenile
31 detention facilities of units of government with existing
32 facilities, proposed facilities or facilities under construction.

33 (c) To provide continuing operations costs of youth
34 detention facilities with funding to be, at a minimum, at the same
35 level as the appropriation for construction, renovation and
36 maintenance.

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38 SECTION 2. Section 4, Chapter 546, Laws of 1995, is amended
39 as follows:

40 Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after its passage and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2003.

42 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after its passage.