

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2865

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE KEEP MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL, INCORPORATED TO PERFORM
3 ALL AND PROVIDE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL
4 ASSISTANCE, AS DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY
5 CONTRACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE
6 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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8 SECTION 1. Section 65-1-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 65-1-165. The State Department of Transportation may execute
11 a contract with Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., to develop and
12 implement a comprehensive statewide program of litter prevention.

13 The contract shall contain provisions to require that Keep
14 Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., will:

15 (a) Encourage and assist local communities to become
16 certified Keep America Beautiful systems;

17 (b) Serve as a state clearinghouse of information on
18 ideas and projects to make local litter prevention programs more
19 effective;

20 (c) Implement statewide communication programs to alert
21 people to the problem of littering and how it can be corrected;

22 (d) Coordinate an annual statewide project which will
23 heighten public awareness of the problem of littering;

24 (e) Establish an annual awards program to recognize
25 individual and community achievement in litter prevention;

26 (f) Serve as the authority which approves and disburses
27 financial assistance to any nonprofit corporation, county, * * *
28 municipality or other entity as directed by the Department of

29 Transportation in that contract which, in a written application,
30 seeks * * * assistance to implement a local litter prevention
31 project. The financial assistance authorized in this paragraph
32 shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the cost of the local
33 litter prevention project for which the assistance is sought;

34 (g) Encourage donation of funds from the private sector
35 to assist in defraying the operation of the litter prevention
36 program implemented under this section; and

37 (h) Perform all other acts and provide all other
38 services, convenient or necessary, including disbursement of
39 financial assistance, as required by the contract with the State
40 Department of Transportation under this section.

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42 Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., shall submit to the * * *
43 department on or before August 1 of each year a written report
44 detailing the operation of the litter prevention program statewide
45 and its expenditure of monies for the program during the preceding
46 state fiscal year.

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