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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE  
2 KNOWN AS THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND; TO  
3 PRESCRIBE THE USE OF THE FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION  
4 OF THE FUND; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT  
5 FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; AND  
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby created a special fund in  
9 the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Law Enforcement  
10 Block Grant Fund. The Department of Public Safety shall  
11 administer the fund with the assistance of the committee created  
12 in subsection (2) of this section. All counties and  
13 municipalities are eligible to receive grants from the fund to be  
14 used by such counties and municipalities for upgrading equipment  
15 and technology used in law enforcement. Counties and  
16 municipalities may apply to the Department of Public Safety for  
17 grants. No grant monies shall be used for personnel or building  
18 expenses. Grants shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) per citizen  
19 of the requesting political subdivision according to the most  
20 recent federal decennial census or Ten Thousand Dollars  
21 (\$10,000.00) whichever is greater, but no grant shall be more than  
22 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

23 (2) There is hereby created the Mississippi Law Enforcement

24 Block Grant Fund Oversight Committee. The committee shall be  
25 comprised of the following members: The Commissioner of Public  
26 Safety, one (1) person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one  
27 (1) person appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives, one (1) person appointed by the Attorney General  
29 and one (1) person appointed by the State Treasurer. The board  
30 shall meet no more than once a month. Members of the committee  
31 who are not state employees shall receive per diem as provided in  
32 Section 25-3-69 and travel expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41  
33 for the performance of their official duties. The committee shall  
34 provide oversight of the fund and shall assist the Department of  
35 Public Safety in the administration of the fund.

36 (3) The fund shall consist of monies appropriated by the  
37 Legislature and any grants or gifts from the federal government or  
38 any other legal source whether public or private. Any monies  
39 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse  
40 into the General Fund but shall remain in the fund and any  
41 interest accruing to the fund shall remain in the fund.

42 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after July 1, 2000.