

By: Jackson

To: Juvenile Justice

SENATE BILL NO. 2111
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMITTEE ON GANG BEHAVIOR IN
2 MISSISSIPPI TO STUDY GANGS, GANG VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIMES AND
3 TO TRACK, IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH GANGS
4 AND DEVIANT GROUPS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO
5 THE TASK FORCE AND SPECIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE;
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby created a joint committee of
9 the Senate and House of Representatives to be known as the Joint
10 Juvenile Justice Committee on Gang Behavior in Mississippi,
11 hereinafter referred to as the "committee." The committee shall
12 study and make recommendations to the Legislature related to the
13 coordination of policy to study, track, identify and develop
14 strategies for dealing with gangs and deviant groups and
15 individuals and to study gangs, gang violence and juvenile crimes.

16 (2) The committee shall consist of the following members:

17 (a) The Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Senate
18 Juvenile Justice Committee and the House Juvenile Justice
19 Committee.

20 (b) Three (3) members of the Senate appointed by the
21 Lieutenant Governor and three (3) members of the House of
22 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

23 (3) The Chairman of the Senate Juvenile Justice Committee
24 shall serve as chair of the committee.

25 (4) The committee shall submit its findings and
26 recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 5, 2000.

27 (5) The members of the committee shall obtain the approval
28 of the Management Committee of the House of Representatives and

29 the Rules Committee of the Senate for per diem and travel expense
30 expenditures of the committee. The members of the committee shall
31 not receive per diem or expenses while the Legislature is in
32 session. All expenses incurred by and on behalf of the committee
33 shall be paid from the contingency funds of the Senate and the
34 House of Representatives.

35 (6) In conducting its activities pursuant to this act, the
36 committee may elicit the support of and participation by federal,
37 state and local agencies and interested associations,
38 organizations and individuals.

39 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2000, subject to the availability of funds
41 specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature during the
42 2000 Regular Session or any subsequent session. It is the intent
43 of the Legislature that this act shall not take effect until the
44 Legislature has funded the implementation thereof by line item
45 appropriation as certified to the Secretary of State by the
46 Legislative Budget Office.