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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2508

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CREATE WITHIN THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL THE POSITION OF STATEWIDE
3 SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 45-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[CSQ1]

7 45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of
8 Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

9 (2) The Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall be
10 organized into the following offices:

11 (a) Office of Public Safety Planning;

12 (b) Office of Medical Examiner;

13 (c) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;

14 (d) Office of Crime Laboratories;

15 (e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training
16 Academy;

17 (f) Office of Support Services.

18 (3) The department shall be headed by a commissioner who
19 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

20 The appointment of the commissioner shall be made with the advice
21 and consent of the Senate. The commissioner may assign to the

22 appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed appropriate
23 to carry out the department's lawful functions.

24 (4) The commissioner of the department shall appoint heads
25 of offices, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.
26 The commissioner shall have the authority to organize the offices
27 established by subsection (2) of this section as deemed
28 appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department.
29 The organization charts of the department shall be presented
30 annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the
31 Legislature.

32 (5) The commissioner of the department shall appoint a
33 statewide safety training officer who shall serve at the pleasure
34 of the commissioner and whose duty it shall be to perform public
35 training for both law enforcement and private persons throughout
36 the state concerning proper emergency response to the mentally
37 ill, terroristic threats or acts, domestic conflict, other
38 conflict resolution, and such other matters as the commissioner
39 may direct.

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