HOUSE BILL NO. 16

AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE
KNOWN AS THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME PREVENTION FUND; TO PRESCRIBE THE
USE OF THE FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND; TO
CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME PREVENTION FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby created a special fund in
the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Crime Prevention
Fund. The Department of Public Safety shall administer the fund
with the assistance of the committee created in subsection (2) of
this section. All counties and municipalities are eligible to
receive grants from the fund to be used by such counties and
municipalities for upgrading equipment and technology used in law
enforcement. Counties and municipalities may apply to the
Department of Public Safety for grants. No grant monies shall be
used for personnel or building expenses. Grants shall not exceed
Two Dollars ($2.00) per citizen of the requesting political
subdivision according to the most recent federal decennial census
or Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) whichever is greater, but no
grant shall be more than Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00).

(2) There is hereby created the Mississippi Crime Prevention
Fund Oversight Committee. The committee shall be comprised of the
following members: The Commissioner of Public Safety, one (1)
person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one (1) person
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one (1)
person appointed by the Attorney General and one (1) person
appointed by the State Treasurer. The board shall meet no more
than once a month. Members of the committee who are not state
employees shall receive per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69
and travel expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41 for the
performance of their official duties. The committee shall provide
oversight of the fund and shall assist the Department of Public
Safety in the administration of the fund.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2001.