

By: Representative Ford

To: Juvenile Justice;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 448

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH ESTABLISHES THE JUVENILE DETENTION FUND, TO EXTEND THE DATE
3 ON WHICH THE MONIES WILL LAPSE INTO THE GENERAL FUND FROM JULY 1,
4 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-317, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 43-21-317. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
9 fund to be known as the "Juvenile Detention Fund" which shall be
10 administered by the Department of Public Safety. Such fund shall
11 be used for the purposes established in this section. The
12 Department of Public Safety shall promulgate regulations for the
13 administration of the fund including applications for grants, the
14 awarding of grants and any necessary forms therefor.

15 (2) The fund shall consist of funds which shall be
16 appropriated by the Legislature in an amount equal to Three
17 Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) for each person in the total
18 population of the State of Mississippi. Any interest that accrues
19 in the fund shall remain in the fund, and at the end of the fiscal
20 year any monies remaining in the fund shall not lapse into the
21 General Fund but shall remain in the fund until July 1, 2002, at
22 which time such remaining funds shall lapse into the General Fund.

23 (3) The fund shall be used for the following purposes:

24 (a) To provide grants to local governmental units to
25 construct, renovate and maintain juvenile detention facilities.
26 Grants shall be awarded on a Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50)
27 per capita basis based on the population of the local governmental

28 unit. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to enter into
29 interlocal agreements to receive grants.

30 (b) To reduce existing indebtedness related to juvenile
31 detention facilities of units of government with existing
32 facilities, proposed facilities or facilities under construction.

33 (4) Any grants made under the provisions of this section
34 shall be made within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of
35 this chapter.

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