

By: Representative Ford

To: Juvenile Justice;
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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 CLOSE SUCH FUND
3 AND TO TRANSFER THE REMAINING FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF YOUTH
4 SERVICES FOR THE ADOLESCENT OFFENDER PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

16 (2) The fund shall consist of funds which shall be
17 appropriated by the Legislature in an amount equal to Three
18 Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) for each person in the total
19 population of the State of Mississippi. * * *

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

21 (a) To provide grants to local governmental units to
22 construct, renovate and maintain juvenile detention facilities.
23 Grants shall be awarded on a Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50)
24 per capita basis based on the population of the local governmental
25 unit. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to enter into
26 interlocal agreements to receive grants.

27 (b) To reduce existing indebtedness related to juvenile
28 detention facilities of units of government with existing
29 facilities, proposed facilities or facilities under construction.

30 (4) Any grants made under the provisions of this section
31 shall be made within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of
32 this chapter.

33 (5) Effective July 1, 2001, the Juvenile Detention Fund
34 shall be abolished and all monies in the fund shall be transferred
35 to the Division of Youth Services for the Adolescent Offenders
36 Program created under Section 43-27-201(4).

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