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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 635

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS
3 LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-41-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-41-15. The chancery courts of this state shall have the
8 authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter upon
9 application of any citizen of the state, and shall have the
10 authority to issue injunctions or writs of mandamus to accomplish
11 that purpose. If a court finds that a public body has willfully
12 and knowingly violated the provisions of this chapter, that public
13 body shall be liable civilly in sum not to exceed One Hundred
14 Dollars (\$100.00), plus all reasonable expenses incurred by such
15 person or persons bringing the lawsuit.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2002.

