

By: Representative Malone

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1448

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-29-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT VICTIMS' IMPACT STATEMENTS ON FILE WITH THE MISSISSIPPI
3 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND STATE PAROLE BOARD FROM THE
4 MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-29-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-29-3. The following records shall be exempt from the
9 provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Law of 1983:

10 (a) Records which are in the possession of a public
11 body, as defined by paragraph (a) of Section 25-61-3, which
12 performs as one (1) of its principal functions activities
13 pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws, the apprehension
14 of criminal offenders or the investigation of criminal offenders
15 and/or criminal activities, and which records consist of
16 information compiled for the purpose of a criminal investigation,
17 including reports of informants and investigators, and associated
18 with an identifiable individual.

19 (b) Records in the possession of a public body which
20 contain personal information, including, but not necessarily
21 limited to, impact statements from victims on file with the
22 Mississippi Department of Corrections and the State Parole Board.

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

