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To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1621

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 99-19-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF 1 YEAR FOR ANYONE
3 CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT OR OTHER UNLAWFUL CONVERSION OF PUBLIC
4 FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
7 99-19-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972:

8 99-19-18. When any person is convicted of a felony or
9 felonies in which public funds in the amount of Ten Thousand
10 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or more were unlawfully taken or obtained,
11 the sentence imposed by the court shall include a minimum term of
12 imprisonment of one (1) year in the custody of the Department of
13 Corrections. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, such
14 mandatory minimum term shall not be reduced or suspended nor shall
15 such person be eligible for probation or parole before the
16 expiration of one (1) year of incarceration.

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

