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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, obtained or
11 misappropriated, the sentence imposed by the court shall include a
12 minimum term of imprisonment of one (1) year in the custody of the
13 Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any other law to the
14 contrary, such mandatory minimum term shall not be reduced or
15 suspended nor shall such person be eligible for probation or
16 parole before the 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.

