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HOUSE BILL NO. 1621
(As Passed the House)

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

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

