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To: Local and Private  
Legislation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1710

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COPIAH COUNTY  
2 AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HAZLEHURST  
3 AND CRYSTAL SPRINGS TO PAY ONE DOLLAR PER CASE FROM THE PROCEEDS  
4 OF COURT COSTS OR FINES IMPOSED IN MISDEMEANOR CASES, WHICH SHALL  
5 BE USED TO FUND COPIAH REWARDS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of Copiah County,  
9 Mississippi, and the governing authorities of the municipalities  
10 of Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs are hereby authorized and  
11 empowered, in their discretion, by resolution duly adopted and  
12 entered on their respective minutes, to pay from the proceeds of  
13 court costs or fines imposed an amount not to exceed One Dollar  
14 (\$1.00) per case for each misdemeanor filed in justice and  
15 municipal courts.

16 (2) The amounts paid pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
17 section shall be paid monthly by the governing authorities to  
18 Copiah Rewards Crime Stoppers, Inc., for use in procuring  
19 information which will lead to the capture of persons committing  
20 crimes and in support of good law enforcement.

21 (3) The provisions of this section do not authorize the  
22 board of supervisors or the governing authorities of the  
23 municipalities to levy an additional assessment or court cost on  
24 any misdemeanor case processed through the justice courts of the  
25 county or the municipal courts of the municipalities.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after its passage.

