

By: Senator(s) Lee

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2021

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE A FELONY OFFENSE OF INDECENT EXPOSURE UNDER CERTAIN
3 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-29-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-29-31. (1) A person who willfully and lewdly exposes his
8 person, or private parts thereof, in any public place, or in any
9 place where others are present, or procures another to so expose
10 himself, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be
11 punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or
12 be imprisoned not exceeding six (6) months, or both; provided,
13 however, that if a person violating this section is over
14 twenty-one (21) years of age, and the person to whom the violator
15 exposes himself is under seventeen (17) years of age, or if a
16 person over twenty-one (21) years of age procures a person under
17 seventeen (17) years of age to so expose himself, the violator
18 shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction, shall be
19 imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections not to
20 exceed five (5) years.

21 (2) Prosecution under this section shall not preclude
22 prosecution for any other sexual crimes against children, but
23 shall be in addition to any other offense prohibited by law.

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

