

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE
2 KNOWN AS THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME PREVENTION FUND; TO PRESCRIBE THE
3 USE OF THE FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND; TO
4 CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME PREVENTION FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
5 AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created a special fund in
8 the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Crime Prevention
9 Fund. The Department of Public Safety shall administer the fund
10 with the assistance of the committee created in subsection (2) of
11 this section. All counties and municipalities are eligible to
12 receive grants from the fund to be used by such counties and
13 municipalities for upgrading equipment and technology used in law
14 enforcement. Counties and municipalities may apply to the
15 Department of Public Safety for grants. No grant monies shall be
16 used for personnel or building expenses. Grants shall not exceed
17 Two Dollars (\$2.00) per citizen of the requesting political
18 subdivision according to the most recent federal decennial census
19 or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) whichever is greater, but no
20 grant shall be more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

21 (2) There is hereby created the Mississippi Crime Prevention
22 Fund Oversight Committee. The committee shall be comprised of the
23 following members: The Commissioner of Public Safety, one (1)
24 person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one (1) person
25 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one (1)
26 person appointed by the Attorney General and one (1) person
27 appointed by the State Treasurer. The board shall meet no more
28 than once a month. Members of the committee who are not state



29 employees shall receive per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69
30 and travel expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41 for the
31 performance of their official duties. The committee shall provide
32 oversight of the fund and shall assist the Department of Public
33 Safety in the administration of the fund.

34 (3) The fund shall consist of monies appropriated by the
35 Legislature and any grants or gifts from the federal government or
36 any other legal source whether public or private. Any monies
37 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse
38 into the General Fund but shall remain in the fund and any
39 interest accruing to the fund shall remain in the fund.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2003.

