

By: Representative Bowles (By Request)

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1557

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 OKOLONA, MISSISSIPPI, TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT, IN ADDITION TO ANY
3 OTHER ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS, FOR EACH MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION
4 OBTAINED IN ITS MUNICIPAL COURT(S) AND FOR EACH DRIVING UNDER THE
5 INFLUENCE AND DRUG/PARAPHERNALIA CHARGE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT(S);
6 TO PROVIDE THAT THE AVAILS OF THE ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT SHALL BE
7 USED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION D.A.R.E.; AND
8 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of
11 Okolona, Mississippi, in their discretion, by resolution duly
12 adopted and entered on the minutes of the governing authorities,
13 may levy an assessment, in addition to any other assessments and
14 court costs, not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) per case, for each
15 misdemeanor conviction obtained in any municipal court of the City
16 of Okolona.

17 (2) The governing authorities of the City of Okolona,
18 Mississippi, in their discretion, by resolution duly adopted and
19 entered on the minutes of the governing authorities, may levy an
20 assessment, in addition to any other assessments and court costs,
21 not to exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per case, for each Driving
22 Under the Influence (D.U.I.) charge and drug/paraphernalia charge
23 in any municipal court of the City of Okolona.

24 (3) The avails of the additional assessment imposed under
25 subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be expended by the
26 City of Okolona to support the nonprofit organization, D.A.R.E.,
27 for the benefit of crime prevention and drug education programs
28 developed by the Okolona Police Department.

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

