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To: Municipalities; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 586

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-19-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES
3 TO OBTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
4 DISTRICTS BEFORE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DISTRICTS; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 17-19-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 17-19-1. (1) The board of supervisors of each county and
10 the governing authorities of each municipality in the state are
11 authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to appropriate and
12 pay such sums as they deem necessary and desirable, out of any
13 available funds of the county or municipality which are not
14 required for any other purpose, to the planning and development
15 district in which the county or municipality is located.

16 (2) Before making any appropriation authorized under
17 subsection (1) of this section, the board of supervisors of the
18 county or governing authorities of the municipality shall require
19 that each planning and development district requesting an
20 appropriation provide to the board or governing authorities:

21 (a) A budget request showing the services to be
22 provided, the need for the services and how the funds requested
23 will be spent;

24 (b) An annual report including, at a minimum, the
25 actual number of clients served in each county and municipality by
26 the district and the funds from each county and municipality that
27 have been used to provide these services and all current, active

28 economic development projects and the amounts awarded by each
29 county and municipality;

30 (c) An annual financial audit; and

31 (d) Any other information the board or governing
32 authorities consider pertinent to making the appropriation
33 decision.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after October 1, 2004.