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To: County Affairs;
Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2149

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-19-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THAT COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING
3 AUTHORITIES OBTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM PLANNING AND
4 DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS BEFORE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE
5 DISTRICTS; AND FOR 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 by this
17 section, the board of supervisors of any county or governing
18 authority of any municipality shall require that each planning and
19 development district requesting an appropriation provide to the
20 board or governing authority the following:

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 minimum, the actual
25 number of clients served in each county by the district and the
26 funds from each county that have been used to provide these
27 services, and all current, active economic development projects
28 and the amounts awarded by each county and municipality; and

29 (c) An annual financial audit.

30 In addition, the board of supervisors or municipal governing
31 authority may request any other information it considers to be
32 pertinent to making an appropriations decision.

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