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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2550

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ALLOW A DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SUPPLEMENT THE SALARY OF A  
3 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS AS COMPENSATION  
4 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK DONE OUTSIDE THE REGULAR DUTIES OF A FULL-TIME  
5 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
10 criminal investigator.

11 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,  
12 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and  
13 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional  
14 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time  
15 criminal investigators.

16 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and  
17 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)  
18 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three  
19 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

20 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
21 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
22 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

23 (5) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this  
24 subsection (5), the full and complete compensation for all public  
25 duties rendered by full-time criminal investigators shall be not  
26 more than Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) per annum, to  
27 be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based  
28 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal

29 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
30 in accordance with Section 25-31-8.

31 (b) (i) \* \* \* The maximum salary under this  
32 subsection (5) for a criminal investigator who has a law degree  
33 may be supplemented by the district attorney from other available  
34 funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal assistant  
35 to a district attorney.

36 (ii) The maximum salary under this subsection (5) for a  
37 criminal investigator who administers a pretrial intervention  
38 program may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
39 available funds, but not to exceed an additional Seven Hundred  
40 Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per month.

41 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
42 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
43 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of  
44 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal  
45 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program  
46 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district  
47 attorney.

48 (7) This section shall stand repealed from and after January  
49 1, 2007.

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