

By: Representative Brown

To: Sel Cmte on Hurricane
Recovery

HOUSE BILL NO. 1320

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRACKING OF CERTAIN FEDERAL GRANT
2 FUNDS THAT ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR
3 ASSISTANCE TO HOMEOWNERS WHOSE HOMES WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY
4 HURRICANE KATRINA; TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
5 TO OBTAIN AND COMPILE IN A DATABASE THE CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR
6 EACH ASSISTANCE GRANT MADE TO A HOMEOWNER WHOSE HOME WAS DAMAGED
7 OR DESTROYED BY HURRICANE KATRINA; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI
8 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL POST BY CENSUS TRACT ON ITS WEBSITE ON
9 A MONTHLY BASIS CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ASSISTANCE
10 GRANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The purpose of this section is to provide a
13 method for tracking Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
14 that are to be provided to the State of Mississippi under the
15 Fiscal Year 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (H.R.
16 2863) for assistance to homeowners whose homes were damaged or
17 destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. With this information obtained
18 under this section, public officials will be better able to
19 determine if those grant funds are being provided to the most
20 affected areas and if the grant funds are being distributed
21 equitably.

22 (2) The Mississippi Development Authority shall obtain and
23 compile in a database the following information for each grant of
24 CDBG funds to a homeowner whose home was damaged or destroyed by
25 Hurricane Katrina:

26 (a) The address of the house to be repaired or rebuilt
27 with the grant;

28 (b) The amount of the grant disbursed by address;

29 (c) The annual income of the grant recipient; and

30 (d) The use of the grant (repair or rebuild) by

31 address.

32 (3) From the information compiled under subsection (2), the
33 Mississippi Development Authority shall post the following
34 information by census tract on its website on a monthly basis:

35 (a) The number of grant recipients;

36 (b) The total number and amount of grants disbursed;

37 and

38 (c) The income categories of persons who received the
39 grants.

40 (4) The Mississippi Development Authority may provide the
41 information compiled under subsection (2) to the Mississippi
42 Automated Resource Information System (MARIS) or other appropriate
43 agencies or entities with mapping capability in order to track the
44 distribution of grant funds by census tract.

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