

By: Senator(s) Albritton

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2900

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONED  
2 FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED IN ACTUALLY PERFORMING  
3 DIRECT LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES; TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE EXTRA  
4 COMPENSATION; TO SET PARAMETERS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXTRA  
5 COMPENSATION; TO AUTHORIZE STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED  
6 WITH THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
7 AGENCIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. (1) Every local law enforcement officer who is  
10 certified under Title 47, Chapter 6, and employed on a full-time  
11 basis shall be eligible for extra compensation pursuant to this  
12 section to be paid out of State General Fund monies. Funds shall  
13 be remitted monthly to the county or municipality to pay the  
14 additional compensation.

15 (2) Each qualified law enforcement officer shall be entitled  
16 to receive supplemental pay at the following rates:

17 (a) When employed by a local law enforcement agency  
18 accredited by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation  
19 Commission, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month;

20 (b) When employed by a local law enforcement agency  
21 accredited by the National Law Enforcement Accreditation  
22 Commission, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month.

23 (3) Each officer is entitled to receive only one (1)  
24 supplement under the provisions of this section.

25 (4) To qualify under the provisions of this section, a law  
26 enforcement officer must:

27 (a) Be a commissioned law enforcement officer;

28 (b) Be employed full time as defined in Title 45,  
29 Chapter 6;

30 (c) Be paid a salary of not less than Three Hundred  
31 Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) per week;

32 (d) Be certified under Title 45, Chapter 6; and

33 (e) Perform nonclerical, law enforcement duties.

34 (5) (a) Officers shall not be eligible for additional  
35 compensation pursuant to this section if hired primarily to  
36 perform purely clerical or nonenforcement duties, including, but  
37 not limited to, typists, office machine operators, switchboard  
38 operators, filing clerks, steno clerks, stenographers, animal  
39 shelter personnel, school crossing guards, secretaries, cooks,  
40 mechanics or maintenance personnel, even if duly certified.

41 (b) Officers must have completed a one-year period of  
42 service to be eligible for compensation under this section.

43 (6) When there exists any question concerning eligibility  
44 under this section or under Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2900,  
45 2006 Regular Session, the Board on Law Enforcement Officer  
46 Standards and Training shall consider each case individually in  
47 light of the merits of the case.

48 **SECTION 2.** The Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards  
49 and Training is authorized to reimburse any local law enforcement  
50 agency, whether county or municipal, for the costs of the  
51 application and certification process, as follows:

52 (a) For certification of a local law enforcement agency  
53 by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission,  
54 actual costs of the application process not to exceed Ten Thousand  
55 Dollars (\$10,000.00);

56 (b) For certification of a local law enforcement agency  
57 by the National Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, actual  
58 costs of the application process not to exceed Twenty-five  
59 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

60 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
61 and after July 1, 2006.