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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2904

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO SET UP SATELLITE
2 POLICE WORK STATIONS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS LOCATIONS UNDER CERTAIN
3 CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ALLOW ROUTINE POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS TO
4 OFFER SECURITY IN PRIVATE BUSINESS LOCATIONS UNDER CERTAIN
5 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Certified law enforcement officers or
8 part-time law enforcement officers, as defined in Section 45-6-3,
9 may be assigned by the employing jurisdiction to provide security
10 and other law enforcement services in private business locations,
11 provided that:

12 (a) The business is located in an area identified by
13 the governing authority of the employing jurisdiction as a high
14 risk area;

15 (b) The business employs a minimum of thirty (30)
16 employees; and

17 (c) The governing authority of the employing
18 jurisdiction has determined that the business makes a significant
19 contribution to the local economic well-being of the jurisdiction
20 or to the area identified as high risk by the governing authority
21 of the employing jurisdiction.

22 (2) The law enforcement officers so assigned shall wear
23 their uniforms and use their weapons and like equipment while
24 assigned to any such private business or satellite police work
25 stations with approval by the governing body by which they are
26 employed. Such employment shall not be considered a violation of
27 state ethics law.

28 (3) The governing authority of the jurisdiction shall
29 determine before such satellite police work station is approved
30 that the proposed satellite police work station is not of such
31 nature as is likely to bring disrepute on the agency, the officer,
32 the law enforcement profession or the county or municipality, and
33 that the performance of such duties and the use of such agency
34 equipment is in the public interest. Each governing authority
35 shall adopt rules and regulations governing the establishment of
36 satellite police work stations and the employment therein by its
37 officers, including requirements that private businesses agree to
38 indemnify the agency or governing authority as a condition of
39 approving the private business employment location.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2006.