

By: Senator(s) McDaniel, Jackson (11th)

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2494
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE BRODERICK RASHAD DANTI DIXON ACT; TO
2 AMEND SECTION 97-35-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE
3 PENALTY FOR FALSELY REPORTING A CRIME; TO CREATE SECTION 99-43-8,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A CRIME VICTIM HAS THE
5 RIGHT TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE INITIAL INCIDENT REPORT; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-35-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 97-35-47. It shall be unlawful for any person to report a
11 crime or any element of a crime to any law enforcement or any
12 officer of any court, by any means, knowing that such report is
13 false. A violation of this section shall be punishable by
14 imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year or by
15 fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both. In
16 addition to any fine and imprisonment, and upon proper showing
17 made to the court, the defendant shall be ordered to pay as
18 restitution to the law enforcement agency reimbursement for any
19 reasonable costs directly related to the investigation of the
20 falsely reported crime and the prosecution of any person convicted
21 under this section.

22 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
23 99-43-8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

24 99-43-8. Upon request, the victim has the right to receive,
25 from the appropriate law enforcement agency, free of charge, a
26 copy of the initial incident report of the case subject to any
27 confidentiality requirements provided by law.



28 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2012.

