

By: Representative Sykes

To: Municipalities; Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 117

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MUNICIPAL CRIME PREVENTION FUND; TO  
2 AMEND SECTION 99-19-72, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE  
3 FILING FEE FOR A PETITION TO EXPUNGE AN OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE THAT A  
4 CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE MUNICIPAL  
5 CRIME PREVENTION FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created in the State Treasury a  
8 special fund designated as the Municipal Crime Prevention Fund.  
9 The funds shall be administered by the Department of Public Safety  
10 to assist municipal crime prevention programs throughout the  
11 state. The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein as  
12 provided in Section 2 of this act and monies from any other source  
13 designated for deposit into the fund. The Department of Public  
14 Safety may also accept monies from any public or private source  
15 for deposit into the fund. Money remaining in the fund at the end  
16 of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and  
17 any interest earned from the investment of monies in the fund  
18 shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.



19 (2) Monies in the fund shall be subject to appropriation by  
20 the Legislature and may only be used for the purpose of providing  
21 financial resource assistance to cities and counties implementing  
22 crime prevention programs within their communities. Monies in the  
23 fund used for the purposes described in this section shall be in  
24 addition to other funds available from any other source for such  
25 purposes.

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 99-19-72, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
27 amended as follows:

28 99-19-72. (1) A filing fee of \* \* \* One Hundred Fifty-two  
29 Dollars (\$152.00) is hereby levied on each petition to expunge an  
30 offense under Section 99-19-71 to be collected by the circuit  
31 clerk and distributed as follows:

32 (a) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be deposited into  
33 the Judicial System Operation Fund;

34 (b) Forty Dollars (\$40.00) to be deposited into the  
35 District Attorneys Operation Fund; and

36 (c) Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be retained by the circuit  
37 clerk collecting the fee for administration purposes.

38 (d) Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be deposited into the  
39 Municipal Crime Prevention Fund.

40 (2) From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of district  
41 attorneys shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State  
42 General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized by  
43 paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall be



44 deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law and as  
45 determined by the State Fiscal Officer, and charges and fees  
46 authorized by paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section  
47 shall be retained by the circuit clerks for expenditures  
48 authorized by law.

49         **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2018.

