

By: Representative Bomgar

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 824

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE
 2 KNOWN AS THE "MISSISSIPPI STATEWIDE CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE
 3 FUND;" TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY ANY STATE ENTITY FROM
 4 THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE'S EDWARD BYRNE
 5 MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO
 6 THE SPECIAL FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MONIES IN THIS FUND SHALL BE
 7 EXPENDED, UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, ONLY ON
 8 EVIDENCE-BASED CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS, DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS,
 9 INDIGENT DEFENSE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE
 10 THAT IN MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FUND, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL
 11 CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE
 12 THAT CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS SHALL FORWARD REPORTS OF INDIVIDUALS
 13 BEING HELD FOR TRIAL, GRAND JURY ACTION OR EXTRADITION, SUBMITTED
 14 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MISSISSIPPI RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE,
 15 RULE 8.5(C), TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS, THE ATTORNEY
 16 GENERAL, AND THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER; AND FOR RELATED
 17 PURPOSES.

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

19 **SECTION 1.** (1) All funds received by any state entity from
 20 the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance's Edward Byrne
 21 Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program shall be deposited into
 22 a special fund that is created in the State Treasury to be known
 23 as the "Mississippi Statewide Crime Prevention Initiative Fund."
 24 The monies in the fund shall be expended, upon appropriation by
 25 the Legislature, only on evidence-based crime prevention programs,



26 drug treatment programs, indigent defense and community
27 corrections programs.

28 (2) In making appropriations from the fund, the Legislature
29 shall consider the recommendations of an advisory committee
30 composed of one (1) representative designated by each of the
31 following entities: Department of Public Safety, Department of
32 Corrections, Office of State Public Defender, Department of
33 Education, Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police and
34 Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

35 (3) Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year
36 shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest
37 earned from the investment of monies in the fund shall be
38 deposited to the credit of the fund.

39 **SECTION 2.** Circuit court clerks shall forward reports of
40 individuals being held for trial, grand jury action or
41 extradition, submitted in accordance with the Mississippi Rules of
42 Criminal Procedure, Rule 8.5(c), to the Administrative Office of
43 Courts, the Attorney General, and the Office of State Public
44 Defender.

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

