

By: Representative Busby

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2 TO REQUIRE ITS CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE WORK ZONE SAFETY OPERATIONS;
3 TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION'S CONTRACTORS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS
4 WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE WORK ZONE
5 SAFETY OPERATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO UTILIZE ITS
6 OFFICERS TO PERFORM CERTAIN WORK ZONE SAFETY OPERATION FUNCTIONS;
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission
10 may require its contractors to provide for law enforcement safety
11 operations in work zones that the commission determines are on
12 high-volume roadways or on high risk projects by including such
13 provision in a contract between the commission and the contractor
14 or as part of a bid requirement. A contractor may provide law
15 enforcement work zone safety operations by entering into
16 agreements with state, county and/or municipal law enforcement
17 agencies for the provision of such operations. Any law
18 enforcement agency that enters into such agreement with a
19 contractor shall only provide work zone safety operation services
20 in locations that are within the jurisdiction of the law



21 enforcement agency, and the agency shall only have those
22 enforcement powers granted to them by law. Contractors required
23 to provide work zone safety operations and state law enforcement
24 agencies, counties and municipalities are authorized to enter into
25 agreements to effectuate the purposes of this subsection (1).

26 (2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may utilize
27 officers from the Mississippi Department of Transportation Office
28 of Law Enforcement to perform safety operations in work zones that
29 the commission determines are on high-volume roadways or on high
30 risk projects. Officers of the Mississippi Department of
31 Transportation Office of Law Enforcement are authorized to utilize
32 any enforcement power already granted to them by law in the
33 performance of work zone safety operations and may engage any
34 lights on their vehicles to encourage the public to observe all
35 traffic laws while proceeding through the work zone. This
36 subsection (2) shall not be construed as granting the Office of
37 Law Enforcement general police powers.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2018.

