By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th)

To: Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2037

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TIME DURING WHICH A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MUST REIMBURSE THE FORMERLY EMPLOYING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY FOR THE COSTS INCURRED BY THAT ENTITY FOR THE OFFICER'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 45-6-13. (1) The board shall establish, provide or maintain
- 10 law enforcement training programs through such agencies and
- 11 institutions as the board may deem appropriate.
- 12 (2) The board shall authorize, but only from such funds
- 13 authorized and appropriated by the Legislature, the reimbursement
- 14 to each political subdivision and to state agencies of at least
- 15 fifty percent (50%) of the allowable salary and allowable tuition,
- 16 living and travel expense incurred by law enforcement officers in
- 17 attendance at approved training programs, provided said political
- 18 subdivisions and state agencies do in fact adhere to the selection
- 19 and training standards established by the board. The board shall

- 20 authorize, but only from such funds authorized and appropriated by
- 21 the Legislature, the direct funding of a part-time law enforcement
- 22 officer training program. The board shall require the payment of
- 23 a reasonable tuition fee to aid in funding the costs of
- 24 administering the part-time law enforcement officer training
- 25 program.
- 26 (3) The board is authorized to expend funds for the purpose
- 27 of providing a professional library and training aids that will be
- 28 available to state agencies and political subdivisions.
- 29 (4) If any full- or part-time law enforcement officer in
- 30 this state who is employed by a municipality, county or other
- 31 governmental entity shall, within * * * two (2) years after the
- 32 date of his employment, resign from, or be terminated from,
- 33 employment by such entity and immediately become employed by
- 34 another governmental entity in a law enforcement capacity, then
- 35 the governmental entity by which the resigned or terminated
- 36 officer is employed shall reimburse the governmental entity from
- 37 which the officer resigned or was terminated * * * the full share
- 38 of the officer's law enforcement training expenses which were
- 39 incurred by such entity, if any.
- 40 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
- 41 Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the
- 42 expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance
- 43 at approved training programs as provided in Section 25-3-25.

- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 45 and after July 1, 2020.

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