

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2223

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Mississippi Warrants
10 Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study: how
11 warrants are issued in the state, the procedural elements of knock
12 and announce warrants, the number of injuries, if any, that have
13 occurred when executing warrants in the state, and the
14 geographical locations of such executions and injuries occurred.

15 (2) The Mississippi Warrants Task Force shall be composed of
16 the following members:

17 (a) The Commissioner of the Department of Public
18 Safety, who shall serve as chair;

19 (b) Executive Director of the Mississippi Bureau of
20 Narcotics, or his or her designee;

21 (c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
22 Association of Police Chiefs;

23 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
24 Prosecutor's Association;

25 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Sheriff's
26 Association;

27 (f) The Director of the Office of State Public
28 Defender;

29 (g) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the
30 Mississippi House of Representatives;

31 (h) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant
32 Governor; and

33 (i) One (1) member appointed from the Bureau of
34 Investigations by the Commissioner of the Department of Safety.

35 (3) The Mississippi Warrants Task Force shall have the
36 following duties, to:

37 (a) Study how warrants are issued throughout the state;

38 (b) Study all entities who are authorized to issue
39 warrants, and provide a list of such entities;

40 (c) Provide all documented circumstances in which
41 warrants are issued in the state;

42 (d) Study the number of injuries, if any, incurred when
43 executing warrants in the state;

44 (e) Create standards for issuing and executing
45 warrants, which shall include knock and announce warrants;

46 (f) Make recommendations regarding procedures for knock
47 and announce warrants to the Speaker of the Mississippi House of
48 Representatives and the Lieutenant Governor by October 1, 2021.

49 (4) The members of the task force shall serve at the will
50 and pleasure of their respective appointing authorities. A

51 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
52 quorum for the transaction of business.

53 (5) (a) The task force shall hold its first meeting no
54 later than fifteen (15) days after July 1, 2021. At its first
55 meeting, the task force shall adopt rules for transacting its
56 business and keeping records.

57 (b) The task force shall meet and conduct business at
58 least once a month. All meetings of the task force and any
59 committees of the task force will be open to the public, with
60 opportunities for public comment provided on a regular basis.
61 Notice of all meetings shall be given as provided in the Open
62 Meetings Act, Section 25-41-1 et seq. and appropriate notice also
63 shall be given to all persons so requesting of the date, time and
64 place of each meeting.

65 (c) The task force is assigned to the Mississippi
66 Department of Public Safety for administrative purposes only, and
67 the department shall designate staff to assist the task force.

68 (6) Members of the task force who are not state officials or
69 state employees may be compensated at the per diem rate authorized
70 by Section 25-3-69 and may be reimbursed in accordance with
71 Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the
72 performance of their duties. If legislative members are appointed
73 to the task force, they will be paid from the contingent expense
74 funds of their respective houses in the same manner as provided
75 for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session.
76 However, legislative members will not be paid per diem or expenses

77 for attending meetings of the task force while the Legislature is
78 in session. No task force member may incur per diem, travel or
79 other expenses unless previously authorized by vote, at a meeting
80 of the task force, which action must be recorded in the official
81 minutes of the meeting. Nonlegislative members may be paid from
82 any funds made available to the task force for that purpose.

83 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
84 and after July 1, 2021, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI WARRANTS TASK FORCE; TO
2 PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE DUTIES FOR THE
3 TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE A REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TASK
4 FORCE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BY A CERTAIN DATE; TO PROVIDE HOW
6 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE COMPENSATED; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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