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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1424
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 **[Until January 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]**

8 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
9 criminal investigator.

10 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
11 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth,
12 Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may
13 appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a
14 total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

15 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth,
16 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
17 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
18 (3) full-time criminal investigators.



19 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
20 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
21 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

22 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
23 rendered by * * * the criminal investigators shall be not more
24 than * * * Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to
25 be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based
26 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal
27 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
28 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary
29 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law
30 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other
31 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
32 assistant to a district attorney.

33 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
34 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
35 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
36 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal
37 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
38 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
39 attorney.

40 (7) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the
41 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of
42 funding for such criminal investigators.



43 **[From and after January 1, 2023, this section shall read as**
44 **follows:]**

45 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
46 criminal investigator.

47 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
48 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth,
49 Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-third Circuit Court
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79 funding for such criminal investigators.

80 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
81 and after July 1, 2022.

