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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1625

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING  
2 SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT  
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF  
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
9 salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys, assistant  
10 district attorneys, criminal investigators, tort claims  
11 assessments, and paying office expenses of district attorneys for  
12 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..  
13 .....\$ 25,670,279.00.

14 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
15 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State  
16 Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73,  
17 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of  
18 assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section



19 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
20 June 30, 2023.....\$ 811,633.00.

21 **SECTION 3.** None of the funds authorized in this section  
22 shall be used to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for  
23 taxable meals incurred within their geographical district.

24 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated herein, office expenses  
25 of district attorneys as authorized by Section 25-31-8,  
26 Mississippi Code of 1972, in the amount of One Million Two Hundred  
27 Thirty-four Thousand Dollars (\$1,234,000.00).

28 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, office  
29 expenses and such funds for salaries shall be provided as  
30 authorized in Section 25-3-35(6), Mississippi Code of 1972, to  
31 fund the salary for one (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth  
32 Circuit Court District as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2) (f),  
33 Mississippi Code of 1972.

34 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
35 district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state  
36 shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related  
37 to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that  
38 those records shall be in the same format and level of details as  
39 maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of  
40 the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024  
41 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a  
42 format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of  
43 detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process



44 for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the  
45 provisions of this act.

46       **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that with  
47 the funds provided herein, the district attorneys shall submit  
48 their Five-Year Strategic Plan(s) as required in Section  
49 27-103-129(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

50       **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
51 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
52 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
53 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
54 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
55 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

56       **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
57 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

