SENATE BILL NO. 2543
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE DRIVER SERVICE BUREAU AS SEPARATE OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DISCIPLINARY POLICY WITHIN THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS TO REFLECT STATE LAW AND POLICY WITHIN OTHER UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO DELETE OUTDATED LANGUAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE ALL INCIDENTS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, OTHER THAN SHOOTINGS INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DESIGNATE ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE ANY INCIDENT OF A SHOOTING INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING ALL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE TO THE APPROPRIATE DULY EMPANELED GRAND JURY AND, UPON INDICTMENT BY THE

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GRAND JURY, PROSECUTING SUCH MATTERS; TO REPEAL SECTION 97-35-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED FELONS WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES OR THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish the organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, which shall include the creation of any units necessary to implement the duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific requirements of law including, but not limited to:

(a) Office of Public Safety Planning;

(b) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;

(c) Office of Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (to be directed by a Lieutenant Colonel of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol);

(d) Office of * * * Forensic Laboratories, which includes the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner;

(e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy;

(f) Office of Support Services;

(g) Office of Narcotics, which shall be known as the Bureau of Narcotics;
(h) Office of Homeland Security; * * *

(i) Office of Capitol Police * * *;

(j) Office of Driver Service Bureau; and

(k) Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division.

(3) The department shall be headed by a commissioner, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointment of the commissioner shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commissioner shall have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall appoint heads of offices, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner shall have the authority to organize the offices established by subsection (2) of this section as deemed appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. The organization charts of the department shall be presented annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the Legislature.

(5) The commissioner shall appoint, from within the Department of Public Safety, a statewide safety training officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and whose duty
it shall be to perform public training for both law enforcement and private persons throughout the state concerning proper emergency response to the mentally ill, terrorist threats or acts, domestic conflict, other conflict resolution, and such other matters as the commissioner may direct.

(6) The commissioner shall establish within the department the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for the purpose of seeing that the laws are faithfully executed and for the purpose of investigating cyber-related crimes and suppressing crimes of violence and acts of intimidation and terror. The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ within the Office of Homeland Security a director, investigators and other qualified personnel as he may deem necessary to make investigation of cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence and acts of terrorism or intimidation, to aid in the arrest and prosecution of persons charged with such cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence, acts of terrorism or intimidation, or threats of violence and to perform other duties as necessary to accomplish these purposes. Investigators and other law enforcement personnel employed by the commissioner shall have full power to investigate, apprehend, and arrest persons committing cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, intimidation, or terrorism anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the power of police officers in the performance of such duties as provided herein. Such investigators and other personnel shall perform their duties under the direction of the commissioner, or
his designee. The commissioner shall be authorized to offer and pay suitable rewards to other persons for aiding in such investigation and in the apprehension and conviction of persons charged with cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, or threats of violence, or intimidation, or acts of terrorism.

(7) The commissioner shall establish within the Office of Homeland Security a Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC Fusion Center) which shall be the highest priority for the allocation of available federal resources for statewide information sharing, including the deployment of personnel and connectivity with federal data systems. Subject to appropriation therefor, the Mississippi Fusion Center shall employ three (3) regional analysts dedicated to analyzing and resolving potential threats identified by the agency's statewide social media intelligence platform and the dissemination of school safety information.

SECTION 2. Section 41-29-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-107. (1) There is created within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety an office to be known as the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. The office shall have a director who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices of the department such powers and duties deemed appropriate to carry out the lawful functions of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.
(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety is empowered to employ or appoint necessary agents. The commissioner may also employ such secretarial, clerical and administrative personnel, including a duly licensed attorney, as necessary for the operation of the bureau, and shall have such quarters, equipment and facilities as needed. The salary and qualifications of the attorney authorized by this section shall be fixed by the director, but the salary shall not exceed the salary authorized for an assistant attorney general who performs similar duties.

(3) The director and agents so appointed shall be citizens of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and of good moral character. The agents shall be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of such appointment. In addition thereto, those appointed shall have satisfactorily completed at least two (2) years of college studies. However, two (2) years of satisfactory service as a law enforcement officer and the completion of the prescribed course of study at a school operated by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, United States Justice Department, shall satisfy one (1) year of such college studies, and four (4) years of satisfactory service as a law enforcement officer and the completion of the prescribed course of study at such federal bureau school as stated heretofore shall fully satisfy the two (2) years of college requirement.

During the period of the first twelve (12) months after appointment, any agent of the bureau shall be subject to
dismissal at the will of the director. After twelve (12) months' service, no agent of the bureau shall be subject to dismissal or otherwise have their salary adversely affected except for cause, and any such action against an agent shall be subject to and proceed under the laws, rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board.

(4) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, regardless of age, to the bureau; however, when any highway patrolman or other employee, agent or official of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety is assigned to duty with, or is employed by, the bureau, he shall not be subject to assignment or transfer to any other office or department within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety except by the commissioner. Any highway patrolman assigned to duty with the bureau shall retain his status as a highway patrolman, but shall be under the supervision of the director. For purposes of seniority within the Highway Safety Patrol and for purposes of retirement under the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System, highway patrolmen assigned to the bureau will be credited as if performing duty with the Highway Safety Patrol. The commissioner may assign employees of the Highway Safety Patrol to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and may assign agents of the bureau to the Highway Safety Patrol; however, any employees so assigned must meet all established requirements for the duties to which they are assigned.
(5) The Commissioner of Public Safety may enter into agreements with bureaus or departments of other states or of the United States for the exchange or temporary assignment of agents for special undercover assignments and for performance of specific duties.

(6) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign agents of the bureau to such duty and to request and accept agents from such other bureaus or departments for such duty.

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SECTION 3. Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 719, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars ($175.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional
Fifty Dollars ($50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per autopsy.

(2) ** * (a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist ** * is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee ** * and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering
the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive **One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars ($185.00)** for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars ($50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.
The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per autopsy.

(2) ***(a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist *** is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee *** and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]
be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive ** One Hundred Ninety-five Dollars ($195.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars ($50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per autopsy.

(2) ** (a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist ** is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony
before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee * * * and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

SECTION 4. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-59. (1) A person's death that affects the public interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body. When the medical examiner has received notification under Section 41-39-15(6) that the deceased is medically suitable to be an organ and/or tissue donor, the
medical examiner's authority over the body shall be subject to the provisions of Section 41-39-15(6). The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the body in cases of death as described in subsection (2)(m) or (n) of this section.

(2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or accidental death.

(b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or radiation injury.

(c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

(d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or contagious that may constitute a public hazard.

(e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an unexplained cause.

(f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or correctional institution.

(g) Death of a person where a physician was not in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days preceding death.

(h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by a relative or a friend.
(i) Death of a person where the identity of the deceased is unknown.

(j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years where death results from an unknown cause or where the circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant death syndrome may be the cause of death.

(k) Where a body is brought into this state for disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate certificate of death.

(l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the hospital.

(m) Death that is caused by drug overdose or which is believed to be caused by drug overdose.

(n) When a stillborn fetus is delivered and the cause of the demise is medically believed to be from the use by the
mother of any controlled substance as defined in Section 41-29-105.

(3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. If a death affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where the injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming jurisdiction.

(4) (a) In criminal trials where the testimony of a current or former State Medical Examiner, Deputy State Medical Examiner, or member of the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory is needed, the use of audiovisual communications equipment to present such testimony remotely is allowed when the state has provided written notice to the defendant at least ninety (90) days prior to trial.
of its intent to present such remote testimony, and the defendant provides no written objection within fourteen (14) days of receiving such notice. Should the defendant object, the remote testimony shall only be permitted upon a finding by the court that the rights of the defendant to confront the witness against the defendant is not violated, that compelling circumstances exist to allow such remote testimony, and that the remote testimony can be provided with appropriate safeguards so as to assure the reliability of the testimony of the witness during the trial.

(b) All persons qualified to administer an oath in the State of Mississippi may swear a witness remotely by audiovisual communication technology, provided they can positively identify the witness and they are able to both see and hear the witness via audiovisual communications equipment.

(* * *5) The chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which he serves a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($1,250.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator less than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) per month as a salary, in addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in which he serves, in the discretion of the board
of supervisors, a salary of not more than Nine Hundred Dollars ($900.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75; however, no county shall pay the deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators less than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) per month as a salary in addition to other compensation provided by law. For this salary the chief shall assure twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner death investigations for the county for at least the previous five (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical Examiner shall cooperate with him.

SECTION 5. Section 41-61-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-77. (1) The Department of Public Safety shall establish and maintain a central office for the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the State Medical Examiner with appropriate facilities and personnel for postmortem medicolegal examinations. District offices, with appropriate facilities and personnel, may also be established and maintained if considered necessary by the department for the proper management of postmortem examinations.

The facilities of the central and district offices and their staff services may be available to the medical examiners and designated pathologists in their investigations.
In order to provide proper facilities for investigating deaths as authorized in Sections 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, the State Medical Examiner may arrange for the use of existing public or private laboratory facilities. The State Medical Examiner may contract with qualified persons to perform or to provide support services for autopsies, studies and investigations not inconsistent with other applicable laws. Such laboratory facilities may be located at the University of Mississippi Medical Center or any other suitable location. The State Medical Examiner may be an affiliate or regular faculty member of the Department of Pathology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and may serve as a member of the faculty of other institutions of higher learning. He shall be authorized to employ, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, such additional scientific, technical, administrative and clerical assistants as are necessary for performance of his duties. Such employees in the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner shall be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Mississippi State Personnel Board in their employment.

(3) The State Medical Examiner shall be authorized to employ qualified pathologists as deputy state medical examiners as are necessary to carry out the duties of his office. The deputy state medical examiners shall be licensed to practice medicine and, either board-certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology or be a physician who is board certified in anatomic
pathology by the American Board of Pathology. The State Medical
Examiner may delegate specific duties to competent and qualified
medical examiners within the scope of the express authority
granted to him by law or regulation. Employees of the Office of
the State Medical Examiner shall have the authority to enter any
political subdivisions of this state for the purpose of carrying
out medical investigations.

SECTION 6. Section 45-1-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

45-1-6. (1) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of
Investigation is authorized to retain on a contractual basis such
persons as he shall deem necessary to detect and apprehend
violators of the criminal statutes of this state.

(2) Those persons contracting with the Director of the
Mississippi Bureau of Investigation pursuant to subsection (1)
shall be known and hereinafter referred to as "special contract
agents."

(3) The investigative services provided for in this section
shall be designed to support law enforcement efforts of state
agencies and to support local law enforcement efforts.

(4) Special contract investigators shall have all powers
necessary and incidental to the fulfillment of their contractual
obligations, including the power of arrest when authorized by the
Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation.
(5) No person shall be a special contract investigator unless he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(6) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall conduct a background investigation of all potential special contract investigators. All contract agents must meet the minimum standard requirements established by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.

(7) Any contract pursuant to subsection (1) shall be:

   (a) Reduced to writing; and

   (b) Terminable upon written notice by either party, and shall in any event terminate one (1) year from the date of signing; and

   (c) Approved as to form by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Such contracts shall not be public records and shall not be available for inspection under the provisions of a law providing for the inspection of public records as now or hereafter amended.

(8) Special contract investigators shall not be considered employees of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation for any purpose.

(9) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall have all powers necessary and incidental to the effective operation of this section.

(10) The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall have jurisdiction to investigate all incidents of officer-involved
shootings, other than * * * shootings involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, resulting in injury or death occurring in the state. However, the District Attorney in the jurisdiction where such incident occurred may designate another law enforcement agency to investigate the incident if the District Attorney determines that there is a conflict with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation or that other extenuating circumstances exist. The Attorney General shall designate another law enforcement agency or task force to investigate any incident of a * * * shooting involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation resulting in injury or death occurring in the state. The Attorney General's Office shall be exclusively responsible for presenting all officer-involved shootings resulting in injury or death occurring in the state to the appropriate duly empaneled grand jury and, upon indictment by a grand jury, prosecuting such matters.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this section, all contracts authorized under this section and related matters shall be made available to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 7. Section 97-35-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which is the provision that requires the registration of convicted felons with the chief of police of the city in which the felon resides or the sheriff of the county in which the felon resides, shall stand repealed.
SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.