

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 620

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE 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:

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

43           45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of  
44 Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

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

50                   (a) Office of Public Safety Planning;

51                   (b) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;

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

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

58 (e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training  
59 Academy;  
60 (f) Office of Support Services;  
61 (g) Office of Narcotics, which shall be known as the  
62 Bureau of Narcotics;  
63 (h) Office of Homeland Security; \* \* \*  
64 (i) Office of Capitol Police \* \* \*;  
65 (j) Office of Driver Service Bureau; and  
66 (k) Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement  
67 Division.

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

74 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
75 the commissioner shall appoint heads of offices, who shall serve  
76 at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner shall have  
77 the authority to organize the offices established by subsection  
78 (2) of this section as deemed appropriate to carry out the  
79 responsibilities of the department. The commissioner may assign  
80 to the appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed  
81 appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. The  
82 organization charts of the department shall be presented annually

83 with the budget request of the Governor for review by the  
84 Legislature.

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

93 (6) The commissioner shall establish within the department  
94 the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for the purpose of  
95 seeing that the laws are faithfully executed and for the purpose  
96 of investigating cyber-related crimes and suppressing crimes of  
97 violence and acts of intimidation and terror. The commissioner is  
98 hereby authorized to employ within the Office of Homeland Security  
99 a director, investigators and other qualified personnel as he may  
100 deem necessary to make investigation of cyber-related crimes,  
101 crimes of violence and acts of terrorism or intimidation, to aid  
102 in the arrest and prosecution of persons charged with such  
103 cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence, acts of terrorism or  
104 intimidation, or threats of violence and to perform other duties  
105 as necessary to accomplish these purposes. Investigators and  
106 other law enforcement personnel employed by the commissioner shall  
107 have full power to investigate, apprehend, and arrest persons  
108 committing cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, intimidation,

109 or terrorism anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the  
110 power of police officers in the performance of such duties as  
111 provided herein. Such investigators and other personnel shall  
112 perform their duties under the direction of the commissioner, or  
113 his designee. The commissioner shall be authorized to offer and  
114 pay suitable rewards to other persons for aiding in such  
115 investigation and in the apprehension and conviction of persons  
116 charged with cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, or threats of  
117 violence, or intimidation, or acts of terrorism.

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

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

131 41-29-107. (1) There is created within the Mississippi  
132 Department of Public Safety an office to be known as the  
133 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. The office shall have a director  
134 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The

135 commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices of the  
136 department such powers and duties deemed appropriate to carry out  
137 the lawful functions of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

138 (2) The Commissioner of Public Safety is empowered to employ  
139 or appoint necessary agents. The commissioner may also employ  
140 such secretarial, clerical and administrative personnel, including  
141 a duly licensed attorney, as necessary for the operation of the  
142 bureau, and shall have such quarters, equipment and facilities as  
143 needed. The salary and qualifications of the attorney authorized  
144 by this section shall be fixed by the director, but the salary  
145 shall not exceed the salary authorized for an assistant attorney  
146 general who performs similar duties.

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

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

169           (4) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign members of  
170 the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, regardless of age, to the  
171 bureau; however, when any highway patrolman or other employee,  
172 agent or official of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
173 is assigned to duty with, or is employed by, the bureau, he shall  
174 not be subject to assignment or transfer to any other office or  
175 department within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
176 except by the commissioner. Any highway patrolman assigned to  
177 duty with the bureau shall retain his status as a highway  
178 patrolman, but shall be under the supervision of the director.  
179 For purposes of seniority within the Highway Safety Patrol and for  
180 purposes of retirement under the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol  
181 Retirement System, highway patrolmen assigned to the bureau will  
182 be credited as if performing duty with the Highway Safety Patrol.  
183 The commissioner may assign employees of the Highway Safety Patrol  
184 to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and may assign agents of  
185 the bureau to the Highway Safety Patrol; however, any employees so

186 assigned must meet all established requirements for the duties to  
187 which they are assigned.

188 (5) The Commissioner of Public Safety may enter into  
189 agreements with bureaus or departments of other states or of the  
190 United States for the exchange or temporary assignment of agents  
191 for special undercover assignments and for performance of specific  
192 duties.

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

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197 **SECTION 3.** Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
198 amended as follows:

199 41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation  
200 and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall  
201 be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is  
202 provided:

203 (a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive One  
204 Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each completed report  
205 of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses.  
206 In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was  
207 sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner  
208 provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical  
209 examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional  
210 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars  
211 (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training

212 in child death investigations and presents to the county a  
213 certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State  
214 Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and  
215 list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene  
216 Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical  
217 examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

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

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

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



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

240           41-61-59. (1) A person's death that affects the public  
241 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be  
242 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in  
243 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer  
244 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home  
245 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any  
246 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall  
247 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff  
248 and take charge of the body. When the medical examiner has  
249 received notification under Section 41-39-15(6) that the deceased  
250 is medically suitable to be an organ and/or tissue donor, the  
251 medical examiner's authority over the body shall be subject to the  
252 provisions of Section 41-39-15(6). The appropriate medical  
253 examiner shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics within  
254 twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the body in cases of death as  
255 described in subsection (2) (m) or (n) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

274 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by  
275 a relative or a friend.

276 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the  
277 deceased is unknown.

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

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

286 (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency  
287 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary  
288 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within  
289 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining

290 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in  
291 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to  
292 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed  
293 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in  
294 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the  
295 hospital.

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

298 (n) When a stillborn fetus is delivered and the cause  
299 of the demise is medically believed to be from the use by the  
300 mother of any controlled substance as defined in Section  
301 41-29-105.

302 (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate  
303 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all  
304 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners  
305 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a  
306 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with  
307 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve  
308 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the  
309 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. If a  
310 death affecting the public interest takes place in a county other  
311 than the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors  
312 leading to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation  
313 of the death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the  
314 respective medical examiners of the counties involved, to the  
315 county where the injuries or other substantial causal factors

316 occurred, and the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to  
317 the further investigation of the death shall be borne by the  
318 county assuming jurisdiction.

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

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

339       ( \* \* \*5) The chief county medical examiner or chief county  
340 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which  
341 he serves a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars

342 (\$1,250.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in  
343 Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay  
344 the chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner  
345 investigator less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month  
346 as a salary, in addition to other compensation provided by law.  
347 In any county having one or more deputy medical examiners or  
348 deputy medical examiner investigators, each deputy may receive  
349 from the county in which he serves, in the discretion of the board  
350 of supervisors, a salary of not more than Nine Hundred Dollars  
351 (\$900.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections  
352 41-61-69 and 41-61-75; however, no county shall pay the deputy  
353 medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators less  
354 than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary in  
355 addition to other compensation provided by law. For this salary  
356 the chief shall assure twenty-four-hour daily and readily  
357 available death investigators for the county, and shall maintain  
358 copies of all medical examiner death investigations for the county  
359 for at least the previous five (5) years. He shall coordinate his  
360 office and duties and cooperate with the State Medical Examiner,  
361 and the State Medical Examiner shall cooperate with him.

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

364 41-61-77. (1) The Department of Public Safety shall  
365 establish and maintain a central office for the Mississippi  
366 Forensics Laboratory and the State Medical Examiner with  
367 appropriate facilities and personnel for postmortem medicolegal

368 examinations. District offices, with appropriate facilities and  
369 personnel, may also be established and maintained if considered  
370 necessary by the department for the proper management of  
371 postmortem examinations.

372 The facilities of the central and district offices and their  
373 staff services may be available to the medical examiners and  
374 designated pathologists in their investigations.

375 (2) In order to provide proper facilities for investigating  
376 deaths as authorized in Sections 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, the  
377 State Medical Examiner may arrange for the use of existing public  
378 or private laboratory facilities. The State Medical Examiner may  
379 contract with qualified persons to perform or to provide support  
380 services for autopsies, studies and investigations not  
381 inconsistent with other applicable laws. Such laboratory  
382 facilities may be located at the University of Mississippi Medical  
383 Center or any other suitable location. The State Medical Examiner  
384 may be an affiliate or regular faculty member of the Department of  
385 Pathology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and may  
386 serve as a member of the faculty of other institutions of higher  
387 learning. He shall be authorized to employ, with the approval of  
388 the Commissioner of Public Safety, such additional scientific,  
389 technical, administrative and clerical assistants as are necessary  
390 for performance of his duties. Such employees in the Mississippi  
391 Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner  
392 shall be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the  
393 Mississippi State Personnel Board in their employment.

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

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

409 45-1-6. (1) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of  
410 Investigation is authorized to retain on a contractual basis such  
411 persons as he shall deem necessary to detect and apprehend  
412 violators of the criminal statutes of this state.

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

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

420 (4) Special contract investigators shall have all powers  
421 necessary and incidental to the fulfillment of their contractual  
422 obligations, including the power of arrest when authorized by the  
423 Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation.

424 (5) No person shall be a special contract investigator  
425 unless he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

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

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

432 (a) Reduced to writing; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

469           **SECTION 7.** Section 97-35-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
470 is the provision that requires the registration of convicted  
471 felons with the chief of police of the city in which the felon  
472 resides or the sheriff of the county in which the felon resides,  
473 shall stand repealed.

474           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
475 and after July 1, 2022.

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

1           AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCLUDE THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE  
3 DRIVER SERVICE BUREAU AS SEPARATE OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
5 1972, TO REVISE DISCIPLINARY POLICY WITHIN THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
6 TO REFLECT STATE LAW AND POLICY WITHIN OTHER UNITS OF THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO DELETE OUTDATED LANGUAGE; TO AMEND  
8 SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE  
9 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SET THE FEE FOR  
10 TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS, PHYSICIANS AND  
11 PATHOLOGISTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY OR THE OFFICE  
12 OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-59,  
13 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW TESTIMONY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE  
14 MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE  
15 MEDICAL EXAMINER IN CRIMINAL TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE  
16 AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND  
17 SECTION 41-61-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
18 EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY SHALL BE SUBJECT  
19 TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
20 PERSONNEL BOARD IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-6,  
21 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU  
22 OF INVESTIGATION SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE ALL  
23 INCIDENTS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, OTHER THAN SHOOTINGS  
24 INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF  
25 INVESTIGATION, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE  
26 STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DESIGNATE  
27 ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE ANY  
28 INCIDENT OF A SHOOTING INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE  
29 MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH  
30 OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
31 OFFICE SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING ALL  
32 OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING

33 IN THE STATE TO THE APPROPRIATE DULY EMPANELED GRAND JURY AND,  
34 UPON INDICTMENT BY THE GRAND JURY, PROSECUTING SUCH MATTERS; TO  
35 REPEAL SECTION 97-35-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE  
36 PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED FELONS WITH  
37 THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES OR THE  
38 SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES; AND FOR RELATED  
39 PURPOSES.

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