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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1665

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 SAFETY FOR PURCHASING BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR ALL CAPITOL POLICE
3 OFFICERS EMPLOYED TO PATROL THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT
4 DISTRICT TO BE WORN ON THE UNIFORMS OF THE OFFICERS WHILE THEY ARE
5 ON DUTY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Public
10 Safety for purchasing body-worn cameras for all Capitol Police
11 officers employed to patrol the Capitol Complex Improvement
12 District (CCID) as described in Section 29-5-203, Mississippi Code
13 of 1972, to be worn on the uniforms of the officers while they are
14 on duty, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
15 June 30, 2024.....\$ 2,500,000.00.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this act, the term "body-worn
17 camera" means devices worn by police officers that electronically
18 record audio and video of the activities of the officers.



19 (2) The purpose of providing body-worn cameras for Capitol
20 Police officers as provided in this act is to benefit members of
21 the community in the CCID and the Capitol Police by (a) improving
22 police services in the CCID, (b) increasing accountability and
23 transparency for individual interactions of the Capitol Police,
24 and (c) strengthening trust among the Capitol Police officers and
25 the community that they serve.

26 (3) As a condition of receiving the funds for purchasing
27 body-worn cameras under this act, the Department of Public Safety
28 and the Capitol Police must check the cameras not less frequently
29 than once each month.

30 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
31 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
32 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
33 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
34 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
35 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

36 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2023.

