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To: Judiciary, Division B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2120

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A STATE  
3 AGENCY, BOARD OR COMMISSION TO PURCHASE HIS OR HER ISSUED SIDEARM  
4 AS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE UPON THE OFFICER'S  
5 RETIREMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE SIDEARM FOR AN AGREED  
6 UPON PRICE BY THE NEXT OF KIN OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS  
7 KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 45-9-131. (1) Upon approval of the governing authority of  
12 the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county  
13 law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement  
14 system \* \* \* may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal  
15 property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement  
16 officer by the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired  
17 or by whom he or she was employed at the time of death. \* \* \*

18 (2) Upon approval of the director of a state agency, board  
19 or commission, a law enforcement officer employed by a state  
20 agency, board or commission who retires under any state retirement



21 system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal  
22 property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement  
23 officer by a state agency, board or commission.

24 (3) The next of kin of a law enforcement officer who is  
25 killed in the line of duty is authorized to purchase the sidearm  
26 that was issued to the officer. The amount to be paid for any  
27 firearm purchased under the authority of this subsection shall be  
28 an agreed upon price as determined by the appropriate governmental  
29 authority who employed the officer.

30 (4) The amount to be paid for any firearm purchased under  
31 the authority of this section, except for any firearm purchased  
32 under subsection (3) of this section, shall be the fair market  
33 value of the firearm as determined by the appropriate governmental  
34 authority who employed the officer.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2023.

