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To: Judiciary B;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 828

1 AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "TRUST IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT"; TO
2 REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF STANDARDS AND TRAINING WITHIN THE DIVISION
3 OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
4 CREATE A SEARCHABLE DATABASE THAT ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO ACCESS
5 INFORMATION REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' JOB PERFORMANCE;
6 TO REQUIRE THE DATABASE TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BY JANUARY 1, 2025; TO SPECIFY CERTAIN
8 INFORMATION RELATING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S CONDUCT AND
9 PERFORMANCE WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE; TO AUTHORIZE A
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO REQUEST A REVIEW OF DATABASE
11 INFORMATION RELATING TO THE OFFICER; TO REQUIRE INFORMATION IN THE
12 DATABASE TO BE ACCURATE AND UPDATED AT LEAST MONTHLY; AND FOR
13 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
16 as the "Trust in Law Enforcement Act."

17 (2) The Office of Standards and Training within the Division
18 of Public Safety Planning of the Department of Public Safety shall
19 create and maintain a searchable database that allows the public
20 to access certain information regarding a law enforcement
21 officer's job performance. The database must be implemented and
22 published on the website of the Department of Public Safety no
23 later than January 1, 2025. The database must include information



24 relating to a law enforcement officer's conduct and performance,
25 including the officer's:

26 (a) Untruthfulness. For purposes of this section, the
27 term "untruthfulness" means a law enforcement officer knowingly
28 made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or
29 knowingly omitted a material fact on an official criminal justice
30 record, while testifying under oath, or during an internal affairs
31 investigation or administrative investigation and disciplinary
32 process.

33 (b) Three (3) or more failures to follow the Board on
34 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training educational and
35 training requirements or to complete applicable continuing
36 education courses within a period of ten (10) consecutive years.

37 (c) Revocation of the certification by the Board on Law
38 Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, including the basis
39 for the revocation.

40 (d) Termination for cause by the law enforcement
41 officer's employer unless the termination is overturned or
42 reversed by an appellate process. A notation must be placed next
43 to the officer's name during the pendency of any appellate
44 process.

45 (e) Resignation or retirement while under investigation
46 by the law enforcement officer's employing law enforcement agency,
47 a district attorney or the Attorney General on a matter that could
48 result in the officer being entered into the database.



49 (f) Resignation or retirement following an incident
50 that leads, within six (6) months following the law enforcement
51 officer's resignation or retirement, to the opening of an
52 investigation that could result in the officer being entered into
53 the database.

54 (g) Being the subject of a criminal investigation for a
55 crime that could result in revocation or suspension of
56 certification or the filing of criminal charges. The
57 investigating agency shall notify the Office of Standards and
58 Training of the investigation or filing of criminal charges as
59 soon as practicable, so long as the notification is unlikely to
60 disrupt or impede an investigation.

61 (3) Law enforcement agencies shall report to the Office of
62 Standards and Training the information required in this section in
63 a format established by the office.

64 (4) A law enforcement officer may request a review of
65 information in the database relating to the officer. Upon the
66 receipt of evidence that supports a determination by the Office of
67 Standards and Training that the information in the database
68 relating to the officer is erroneous, the office must remove the
69 officer's name from the database immediately.

70 (5) The Office of Standards and Training shall update
71 information in the database on no less than a monthly basis and
72 shall make reasonable efforts to ensure data is current and
73 accurate. The Department of Public Safety does not guarantee full



74 accuracy and timeliness of data, makes no warranty as to content
75 accuracy, and assumes no liability for content errors or
76 omissions.

77 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new
78 section in Chapter 6, Title 45, Mississippi Code of 1972.

79 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after July 1, 2024.

