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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2608

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND  
2 SOCIETAL EFFECT OF POLICE PURSUITS, THE NECESSITY OF POLICE  
3 PURSUITS INTO ANOTHER JURISDICTION, THE OVERALL BENEFIT OF POLICE  
4 PURSUITS WEIGHED AGAINST THE RISKS OF SUCH PURSUITS, THE SPEED AT  
5 WHICH SUCH PURSUITS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN SAFELY, THE CRIMES WHICH  
6 WOULD MERIT A POLICE PURSUIT AND FOR ANY OTHER RELATED PURPOSE; TO  
7 ESTABLISH THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE  
8 PROCEDURES FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE  
9 TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee for the  
12 purpose of studying the impact and societal effect of police  
13 pursuits, the necessity of police pursuits into another  
14 jurisdiction, the overall benefit of police pursuits weighed  
15 against the risks of such pursuits, the speed at which such  
16 pursuits can be undertaken safely, the crimes which would merit a  
17 police pursuit and for any other related purpose.

18 (2) The committee shall be comprised of the following nine  
19 (9) members:

20 (a) The chair, or his designee, of the Senate  
21 Judiciary, Division B Committee;



22           (b) The chair, or his designee, of the House Judiciary  
23 B Committee;

24           (c) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety  
25 or his designee;

26           (d) The Attorney General or her designee;

27           (e) One member appointed by the Governor;

28           (f) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

29           (g) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

30           (h) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi  
31 Sheriff's Association;

32           (i) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi  
33 Association of Chiefs of Police;

34           (3) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within  
35 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first  
36 meeting, the committee shall elect from among its membership a  
37 chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be  
38 necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and  
39 keeping records.

40           (4) A majority of the members of the study committee shall  
41 constitute a quorum. The study committee shall develop and report  
42 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before  
43 December 1, 2024. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and  
44 reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any  
45 other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of  
46 a majority of the members present shall be required.



47           (5) The PEER Committee shall provide the staff and other  
48 support necessary for the study committee to perform its duties.

49           (6) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
50 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
51 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request  
52 of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities,  
53 assistance, information and data needed to enable the study  
54 committee to carry out its duties.

55           (7) Upon the presentation of its report the study committee  
56 shall be dissolved.

57           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after its passage.

