

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Wiggins, DeBar, To: Appropriations
Hickman, Norwood, Branning

SENATE BILL NO. 3020

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of
7 the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 158,155,576.00.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
11 to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose
12 of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various
13 divisions of the department for the fiscal year beginning
14 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 107,854,977.00.

15 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
16 this act, the following positions are authorized:

17 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

18 Permanent: 1,693



19 Time-Limited: 78

20 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
21 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
22 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
23 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
24 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
25 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal
26 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall
27 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency
28 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the
29 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to
30 the personal services amount must be approved by the State
31 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation
32 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be
33 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate
34 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services
35 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved
36 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active
37 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's
38 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are
39 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,
40 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
41 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board
42 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any
43 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board



44 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in
45 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the
46 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the
47 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the
48 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
49 Board.

50 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
51 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
52 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
53 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
54 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
55 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the
56 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
57 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
58 essential for the agency.

59 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
60 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
61 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
62 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
63 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
64 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
65 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
66 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
67 appropriated level.



68 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
69 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
70 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
71 withdrawn and no longer available.

72 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
73 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A
74 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
75 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

76 **SECTION 4.** The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a
77 case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that
78 corrective salary adjustments be made to the compensation of
79 employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was
80 created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous
81 application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective
82 salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State
83 Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

84 Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major
85 object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated
86 compensatory time within funds available.

87 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that the
88 Department of Public Safety shall receive Five Million Dollars
89 (\$5,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Department of Transportation,
90 for the operations of the Office of Commercial Transportation
91 Enforcement Division that is authorized in Section 77-7-330,
92 Mississippi Code of 1972.



93 **SECTION 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
94 local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the
95 Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their
96 contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

97 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
98 Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the
99 Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of
100 all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics
101 Laboratories.

102 **SECTION 8.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be
103 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for
104 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication
105 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor
106 shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be
107 transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or
108 officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities
109 of such office.

110 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
111 Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for
112 violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended
113 under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for
114 violations of speed limits.

115 **SECTION 10.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
116 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
117 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized



118 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
 119 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 120 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 121 performance measures provided below:

	FY2025
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
124 Enforcement	
125 Percent Increase in Enforcement Citations	7.50
126 Percent Decrease in Fatalities	4.00
127 Percent Increase in DUI Arrests	
128 (includes felony DUI)	5.00
129 Number of Criminal Investigations	68,000
130 Number of Highway Fatalities per 100	
131 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel	0.80
132 Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving	
133 Fatalities per 100,000 Population	1.60
134 Number of Driving Under the Influence	
135 (DUI) Arrests per 100,000 population	230.00
136 Percent Increase in Seatbelt/Child	
137 Restraint Citations	7.00
138 Driver Services	
139 Number of Driver's License/ID Cards Issued	635,250
140 Cost per License Document Produced	24.00
141 Number of Driver's Suspended	24,300
142 Number of Accident Reports Processed	1,650



143	Average Wait Time (Minutes)	20.00
144	Number of Documented Complaints	24
145	Percent Change in Wait Time	-5.00
146	Percent Change in Complaints	1.10
147	Percent Increase in Regular and	
148	Commercial Driver Licenses Issued	10.00
149	Support Services	
150	Number of Financial Transactions Processed	45,402
151	Number of Employees Supported	1,776
152	Forensic Analysis	
153	Number of Reports Issued (Cases)	25,000
154	Number of Court Testimonies (Cases)	200
155	Cost per Case Analyzed	450.00
156	Cost per Testimony	550.00
157	Percent of Days for Reports Issued	40.00
158	Dna Analysis	
159	Number of Known Felony Offender Samples	
160	in Database	165,000
161	Number of Proficiency Samples	950
162	Number of Casework Samples Examined	12,500
163	Cost per Sample	750.00
164	Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
165	Forensic Pathology	
166	Number of Deaths Investigated	26,500
167	Number of Autopsies Performed SME Office	1,400



168	Cost per Autopsy Performed	2,000.00
169	Percent Change in the Number of Deaths	
170	Investigated	3.00
171	Percent of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	45.00
172	Percent Change in the Number of	
173	Autopsies Performed at SME Office	2.00
174	Training Academy	
175	Number of Basic Students to Graduate	200
176	Number of Basic Refresher Students to	
177	Graduate	10
178	Number of In-Service and Advanced	
179	Students to Graduate	850
180	Percent of Law Enforcement Officers Trained	100.00
181	Drug Enforcement	
182	Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1,300
183	Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	600
184	Number of Drug Organization Disrupted	
185	and/or Dismantled	4
186	Percent Change in Number of Drug	
187	Suspects Arrested	1.00
188	Percent Change in Number of Drug Cases	
189	Prosecuted	1.00
190	Percent Change in Number of Drug	
191	Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	1.00
192	Jail Officer Training	



193	Number of Jail and Youth Detention	
194	Officers Certified	250
195	Number of Certification Transactions	2,750
196	Number of Administrative Review Actions	5
197	Percent of Appointed Jail and Youth	
198	Detention Officers Obtaining	
199	Certification	60.00
200	Percent of Administrative Review Actions	
201	Taken Within One Year	1.00
202	Law Enforcement Training	
203	Number of Basic Law Enforcement Officers	
204	Certified	500
205	Number of Certification Transactions	2,500
206	Number of Training Quality Monitoring	
207	Actions	1,000
208	Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement	
209	Officers Obtaining Certification	75.00
210	Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve,	
211	Auxiliary Officers Obtaining	
212	Certification	80.00
213	Percent of Administrative Disciplinary	
214	Actions Taken Within One Year	3.50
215	Highway Safety	
216	Number of Federal Applications Funded	
217	and Statewide Pgms Supported	10



218	Percent Decrease in the Number of	
219	Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant	
220	Fatalities by 5%	2.00
221	Percent Decrease in the Number of	
222	Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver	
223	or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of	
224	.08 and Above	1.00
225	Justice	
226	Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention	
227	Alternatives	4
228	Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	3
229	Emerg Telecommunications Tng	
230	Number of Emergency Telecommunicators	
231	Certified	500
232	Number of Certification Transactions	2,000
233	Percent of Appointed Emergency	
234	Telecommunicators Obtaining	
235	Certification	75.00
236	Percent of Appointed Emergency	
237	Telecommunicators Obtaining	
238	Recertification	75.00
239	Percent of Administrative Review Actions	
240	Taken Within One Year	1.00
241	Council On Aging	
242	Number of Triad Programs Established	2



243	Number of Training Programs Conducted	0
244	Provide On-Site-Training	0
245	Percent Change in Number of Operational	
246	Triad Programs	3.00
247	Percent Increase in Funding to Counties	
248	to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
249	Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit	
250	Number of Facilities Inspected	125
251	Number of Strategic Plans Implemented	20
252	Percentage of Admin Review Actions Taken	
253	Within One Year	80.00
254	Homeland Security	
255	Number of OHS Grants for Jurisdictions	325
256	Number of First Responder Classes	210
257	Percent Increase in Emergency Task Force	
258	Responder Training and Exercises	2.00
259	Percent Increase in Citizen and	
260	Community Preparedness Training and	
261	Exercises	10.00
262	Percent Increase in Requests for Information	3.08
263	Percent Increase in National Incident	
264	Mgmt Training and Exercises	1.49
265	Investigations	
266	Number of Human Trafficking Cases Initiated	250
267	Number of Human Trafficking Arrests	50



268	Number of Human Trafficking Child Recoveries	25
269	Capitol Police	
270	Number of Patrols	65
271	Number of Emergencies (Medical, Weather,	
272	Active Shooter, etc.)	4,500
273	Average Time to Respond to an Emergency	
274	(Minutes)	5.00
275	Motor Carrier	
276	Number of Compliance Reviews	50,000
277	Number of On-site Examinations at Scales	32,000
278	Number of Trucks Weighed	5,800,000

279 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
280 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
281 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
282 Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

283 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that all
284 divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall
285 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the
286 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
287 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
288 maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of
289 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
290 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
291 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level



292 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request
293 process.

294 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
295 of Section 2 of this act, funds may be expended to defray the
296 costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in
297 an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually
298 per officer.

299 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
300 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
301 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
302 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
303 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
304 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
305 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
306 made without competitive bids.

307 **SECTION 14.** The department is authorized to expend available
308 funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it
309 will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings
310 generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures
311 thereof.

312 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to
313 the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7,
314 Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who
315 are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine



316 Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars
317 (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

318 **SECTION 16.** It is the direction of the Legislature that all
319 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) nonexempt sworn officers of the
320 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who are working one hundred
321 seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle be
322 compensated based on the annual salary established by the State
323 Personnel Board for a one-hundred-sixty-hour per month schedule
324 divided by two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three
325 one thousandths (2,087.143), for an hourly rate, to be multiplied
326 by two thousand two hundred twenty-three (2,223) or one hundred
327 seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle for a new
328 annual salary. All hours worked over one hundred seventy-one
329 (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day schedule shall be governed by
330 the FLSA or other special compensation plan. All realignments
331 after July 1, 2010, shall be calculated using this formula. This
332 section shall be known as the "David R. Huggins Act."

333 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
334 this act, Four Hundred Ninety-five Thousand One Hundred Ninety
335 Dollars (\$495,190.00) is appropriated out of any funds in the
336 State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety
337 for the purposes of paying for eleven (11) hours of compensatory
338 time at an hourly rate based on two thousand eighty-seven and one
339 hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143) hours per year for
340 sworn officers who hold the rank of Lieutenant and above. The



341 funds provided in this section to pay for the eleven (11) hours
342 authorized in this section shall be expended only for this
343 purpose.

344 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
345 Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the
346 Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any
347 other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public
348 Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the
349 fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the
350 Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2025.

351 **SECTION 19.** The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the
352 authority to transfer any funds from any division within the
353 Department of Public Safety to any other division of the
354 Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not
355 limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741,
356 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars
357 (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2025. However,
358 none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended
359 unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written
360 notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

361 **SECTION 20.** The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend
362 a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)
363 from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the
364 provisions of Section 41-29-179, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section
365 1 of this act. Expenditures authorized by this section may



366 include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting
367 with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities
368 to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to
369 provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an
370 amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required
371 to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is
372 authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for
373 the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment
374 necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

375 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
376 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million
377 Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars
378 (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from
379 General Fund court assessments as follows:

380	State Crime Stoppers Fund.....	\$	99,003.00.
381	Adult Driver Training.....	\$	75,794.00.
382	Information Exchange Network Fund.....	\$	264,007.00.
383	Forensics Laboratory of MS - Implied		
384	Consent Law Fund.....	\$	404,795.00.
385	Forensics Laboratory of MS - DNA		
386	Identification Fund.....	\$	629,543.00.
387	Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death		
388	Benefits Trust Fund.....	\$	191,361.00.
389	Law Enforcement Standards Training - Law		
390	Enforcement Officers Training Fund.....	\$	2,276,404.00.



391 Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement...\$ 13,573.00.
392 Federal - State Alcohol Program Fund.....\$ 160,431.00.
393 MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund.....\$ 197,691.00.

394 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
395 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public
396 Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend
397 special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds
398 (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
399 (\$500,000.00).

400 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant
401 to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty
402 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and
403 operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data
404 analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of
405 Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and
406 work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all
407 victims recovered.

408 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant
409 to Section 45-1-2(7), Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred
410 Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$242,603.00) is
411 provided for the duties and operations associated with the
412 Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

413 **SECTION 25.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
414 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
415 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of



416 Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
417 Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3012, 2023
418 Regular Session, to the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal
419 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
420 June 30, 2025.....\$ 6,208,815.00.

421 This reappropriation is for the following purposes:

422 (a) Forensics Case Backlog.....\$ 432,815.00.

423 (b) Driver Services Bureau IDEMIA System...\$ 5,610,000.00.

424 (c) Driver Services Bureau to upgrade and maintain the
425 IDEMIA System and any equipment necessary to implement
426 requirements under Section 63-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
427\$ 166,000.00.

428 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
429 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
430 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
431 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
432 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
433 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

434 **SECTION 26.** The department may subgrant a portion of the
435 funds appropriated herein to the Jackson Police Department for
436 eligible activities contingent upon the execution of an
437 operational agreement between the Capitol Police and Jackson
438 Police Department on roles and responsibilities within the Capitol
439 Complex Improvement District.



440 **SECTION 27.** With the funds appropriated herein, the
441 Department of Public Safety is authorized to make payment to
442 certain vendors for expenses incurred during 2021, 2022 and 2023
443 in the following total amount.....\$ 21,172.67.

444 **SECTION 28.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
445 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
446 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
447 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
448 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
449 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

450 **SECTION 29.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
451 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after
452 June 30, 2024.

