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To: Municipalities;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 851

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TROY FLOYD ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
2 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO
3 PROVIDE GRANTS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS
4 ASSOCIATED WITH ACQUIRING LIFE SAVING EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR
5 THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENTS; TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
6 THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO CREATE THE "SMALL MUNICIPALITIES POLICE
7 DEPARTMENTS LIFE SAVING EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FUND" AS A SPECIAL
8 FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND
9 SHALL BE DISBURSED, UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, BY THE
10 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE GRANTS AUTHORIZED IN
11 THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
14 "Troy Floyd Act".

15 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section, the following words
16 and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this subsection
17 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 (a) "Life saving emergency equipment" means bulletproof
19 vests, radio equipment, first aid supplies and kits, and/or wound
20 treatment supplies and equipment.

21 (b) "Small municipality" means a municipality in the
22 State of Mississippi with a population of three thousand (3,000)



23 or less according to the most recent federal decennial census at
24 the time the municipality submits its application to the
25 Mississippi Development Authority under this section.

26 (2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority shall
27 establish a program to provide grants to small municipalities to
28 assist in paying costs associated with acquiring life saving
29 emergency equipment for their police departments. A small
30 municipality desiring assistance under the grant program
31 established under this section must submit an application to the
32 Mississippi Development Authority. The application must contain:

33 (i) A description of the life saving emergency
34 equipment to be acquired for the small municipality's police
35 department;

36 (ii) The cost of the life saving emergency
37 equipment to be acquired;

38 (iii) The amount of grant funds requested; and

39 (iv) Any other information requested by the
40 Mississippi Development Authority.

41 (b) The Mississippi Development Authority shall review
42 such application and determine whether the applicant is eligible
43 to participate in the grant program. If the Mississippi
44 Development Authority approves the applicant for participation in
45 the grant program, the office shall issue a certificate of
46 participation to the applicant designating the applicant as
47 eligible to participate in the program.



48 (c) The total amount of grant funds that may be
49 provided to a small municipality under this section cannot exceed
50 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the aggregate.

51 (3) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
52 be designated as the "Small Municipalities Police Departments Life
53 Saving Emergency Equipment Fund", which shall consist of funds
54 from any source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund
55 shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and
56 special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the
57 state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a
58 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any
59 investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund
60 shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund
61 shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Development Authority, upon
62 appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of providing
63 grants under this section.

64 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2025.

