

By: Representative Butler-Washington

To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1283

1       AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND PRACTICES; TO PROVIDE THE COMPOSITION  
3 AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5       SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi  
6 Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Practices, which shall  
7 consist of the following seven (7) members:

8               (a) The Attorney General, or a deputy Attorney General  
9 as a designee;

10              (b) The Director of the Mississippi Highway Safety  
11 Patrol, or his designee;

12              (c) The President of the Mississippi Association of  
13 Chiefs of Police, or his designee;

14              (d) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of  
15 Public Safety or his designee;

16              (e) The President of the Mississippi Constable  
17 Association, or his designee who is a member of the association;



18 (f) The President of the Mississippi Campus Law  
19 Enforcement Officers Association, or his designee who is a member  
20 of the association; and

21 (g) The President of the Mississippi Sheriffs'  
22 Association, or his designee who is a member of the association.

23           The Attorney General, the Director of the Mississippi Highway  
24       Safety Patrol and the respective presidents of the foregoing  
25       associations, or their designees, shall serve only for their  
26       respective terms of office.

27                   (2) In order to develop and oversee operational standards  
28 for law enforcement agencies, the commission shall:

29 (a) Develop minimum operational standards;

30 (b) Provide technical and constructive support to local  
31 agencies;

32 (c) Oversee and approve training programs and policy  
33 implementation; and

34 (d) Conduct annual reviews and audits to ensure  
35 compliance.

41 (4) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of the  
42 board, elected by and from the membership of the board. The board



43 shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for  
44 meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business, but  
45 the board shall meet at least every three (3) months.

46 (5) If a person appointed to the board no longer occupies  
47 the status qualifying that person's appointment, that position on  
48 the board shall be immediately vacated and filled ex officio or by  
49 appointment of the Governor.

50 (6) The board shall report annually to the Governor and the  
51 Legislature on its activities and may make such other reports as  
52 it deems desirable.

53 (7) The training officers of all police academies in the  
54 state whose curricula are approved by the commission shall be  
55 advisors to the commission, and they shall be entitled to all  
56 privileges of the members, including travel expenses and  
57 subsistence, but shall not be eligible to vote at commission  
58 meetings.

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2025.

