

By: Representative Shanks

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

1       AN ACT TO CREATE THE "RIGHT TO KNOW HOW SAFE WE ARE ACT OF  
2 2025"; TO REQUIRE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE REPORTS WITH STATE  
3 POLICYMAKERS SUMMARIZING THE DECISIONS MADE BY EACH OFFICE AS  
4 INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMES CONCLUDE; TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT  
5 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO SHARE AN ANNUAL REPORT BY MARCH 1 OF EACH  
6 YEAR WITH THE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MAKE SUCH REPORT  
7 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST; TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY  
8 GENERAL TO COMPILE A STATEWIDE REPORT SUMMARIZING THE INFORMATION  
9 REQUIRED BY THIS ACT FROM EACH DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN A UNIFORM  
10 FASHION AND SORTABLE BY CRIME AND JURISDICTION, MAKE THE REPORT  
11 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; 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 "Right to Know How Safe We Are Act of 2025."

15       **SECTION 2.** The purpose of this act is to increase public  
16 accountability and safety by requiring district attorneys to file  
17 reports with state policymakers summarizing the decisions made by  
18 each office as investigations of crimes conclude.

19       **SECTION 3.** (1) Each district attorney's office shall share  
20 an annual report by March 1 of each year with the Governor and  
21 Attorney General and make such report available to the public upon  
22 request. Each report shall contain, at a minimum, for the

23 previous year, aggregate, nonpersonally identifying data regarding  
24 the office's handling of cases in each category of offense  
25 including the office's:

26 (a) Intake process, including the number of arrests or  
27 referrals made for each category of offense and, of those:

28 (i) The number accepted for prosecution;

29 (ii) The number referred to diversion before  
30 charging; and

31 (iii) The number dismissed with a categorical  
32 description of why the case was so dismissed;

33 (b) Disposals for each category of offense, including  
34 the number of cases:

35 (i) Disposed of by diversion program;

36 (ii) Adjudicated guilty by plea agreement, or  
37 dismissed due to a guilty plea to a different charge;

38 (iii) Dismissed for prosecution by another  
39 authority;

40 (iv) Dismissed due to suppression of evidence;

41 (v) Dismissed due to other legal defect;

42 (vi) Dismissed due to refusal of one or more  
43 witnesses to cooperate;

44 (vii) Dismissed for any other reason;

45 (viii) Adjudicated by trial to the court, with the  
46 number convicted;

47 (ix) Adjudicated by jury trial, with the number  
48 convicted; and

49 (c) Disposition for each category of offense, including  
50 the number:

51 (i) Sentenced to incarceration;

52 (ii) Sentenced to county jail with the average  
53 length of such sentence;

54 (iii) Sentenced to the state prison system, with  
55 the average length of such sentence; and

56 (iv) Sentenced to probation.

67           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
68 and after July 1, 2025.

