

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3016

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 166,138,842.00.

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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 103,805,410.00.

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

17 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

18 Permanent: 1,671



Time-Limited: 74

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the



State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

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

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

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

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that corrective salary adjustments be made to the compensation of employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective



69 salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State
70 Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

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

74 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that the
75 Department of Public Safety shall receive Five Million Dollars
76 (\$5,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Department of Transportation,
77 for the operations of the Office of Commercial Transportation
78 Enforcement Division that is authorized in Section 77-7-330,
79 Mississippi Code of 1972.

80 **SECTION 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
81 local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the
82 Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their
83 contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

84 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
85 Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the
86 Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of
87 all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics
88 Laboratories.

89 **SECTION 8.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be
90 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for
91 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication
92 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor
93 shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be



94 transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or
95 officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities
96 of such office.

97 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
98 Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for
99 violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended
100 under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for
101 violations of speed limits.

102 **SECTION 10.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
103 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
104 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
105 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
106 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
107 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
108 performance measures provided below:

	FY2026
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Enforcement	
Percent Increased in Enforcement Citations	7.00
Percent Decrease in Fatalities	4.00
Percent Increase in DUI Arrests	
(Includes Felony DUI)	5.00
Number of Criminal Investigations	68,000
Number of Highway Fatalities per 100	
Million Vehicle Miles of Travel	0.90



119	Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving	
120	Fatalities per 100,000 Population	1.60
121	Number of Driving Under the Influence	
122	(DUI) Arrests per 100,000 Population	230.00
123	Percentage Increase in Seatbelt/Child	
124	Restraint Citations	7.00
125	Driver Services	
126	Number of Driver's License/ID Cards Issued	654,861
127	Cost per License Document Produced	24.00
128	Number of Drivers Suspended	24,300
129	Number of Accident Reports Processed	1,430
130	Average Wait Time (Minutes)	20.00
131	Number of Complaints (Documented)	24
132	Percent Change in Wait Time	-5.00
133	Percent Change in Complaints	1.10
134	Percent Increase in Regular and	
135	Commercial Driver Licenses Issued	10.00
136	Support Services	
137	Number of Financial Transactions Processed	45,402
138	Number of Employees Supported	1,776
139	Forensic Analysis	
140	Number of Reports Issued (Cases)	19,540
141	Number of Court Testimonies (Cases)	200
142	Cost per Case Analyzed	940.00
143	Cost per Testimony	550.00



144	Percent of Days for Reports Issued	45.00
145	Dna Analysis	
146	Number of Known Felony Offender Samples	
147	in Database	159,000
148	Number of Proficiency Samples	800
149	Number of Casework Samples Examined	12,500
150	Cost per Sample	750.00
151	Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
152	Forensic Pathology	
153	Number of Deaths Investigated	29,250
154	Number of Autopsies Performed SME Office	1,400
155	Cost per Autopsy Performed	1,600.00
156	Percent Change in the Number of Deaths	
157	Investigated	3.00
158	Percent of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	100.00
159	Percent Change in the Number of	
160	Autopsies Performed at SME Office	5.00
161	Training Academy	
162	Number of Basic Students to Graduate	225
163	Number of Basic Refresher Students to	
164	Graduate	15
165	Number of In-Service and Advanced	
166	Students to Graduate	1,400
167	Percent of Law Enforcement Officers Trained	100.00
168	Drug Enforcement	



169	Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1,300
170	Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	600
171	Number of Drug Organization Disrupted	
172	and/or Dismantled	4
173	Percent Change in Number of Drug	
174	Suspects Arrested	1.00
175	Percent Change in Number of Drug Cases	
176	Prosecuted	1.00
177	Percent Change in Number of Drug	
178	Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	1.00
179	Jail Officer Training	
180	Number of Jail and Youth Detention	
181	Officers Certified	350
182	Number of Certification Transactions	1,500
183	Number of Administrative Review Actions	15
184	Percent of Appointed Jail and Youth	
185	Detention Officers Obtaining	
186	Certification	80.00
187	Percent of Administrative Review Actions	
188	Taken Within One Year	1.00
189	Law Enforcement Training	
190	Number of Basic Law Enforcement Officers	
191	Certified	354
192	Number of Certification Transactions	2,534
193	Number of Training Quality Monitoring	1,030



194	Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement	
195	Officers Obtaining Certification	75.00
196	Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve,	
197	and Auxiliary Officers Obtaining	
198	Certification	80.00
199	Percent of Administrative Disciplinary	
200	Actions Taken Within One Year	3.00
201	Highway Safety	
202	Number of Federal Applications Funded	
203	and Statewide Pgms Supported	10
204	Percent Decrease in the Number of	
205	Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant	
206	Fatalities by 5%	2.00
207	Percent Decrease in the Number of	
208	Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver	
209	or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of	
210	.08 and above	1.00
211	Justice	
212	Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention	
213	Alternatives	3
214	Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	4
215	Emerg Telecommunications Tng	
216	Number of Emergency Telecommunicators	
217	Certified	400
218	Number of Certification Transactions	3,000



219	Percent of Appointed Emergency	
220	Telecommunicators Obtaining	
221	Certification	75.00
222	Percent of Appointed Emergency	
223	Telecommunicators Obtaining	
224	Recertification	75.00
225	Percent of Administrative Review Actions	
226	Taken Within One Year	1.00
227	Council On Aging	
228	Number of Triad Programs Established	2
229	Number of Training Programs Conducted	0
230	Provide On-Site-Training	0
231	Percent Change in the Number of	
232	Operational Triad Programs	3.00
233	Percent Increase in Funding to Counties	
234	to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
235	Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit	
236	Number of Facilities Inspected	80
237	Number of Strategic Plans Implemented	20
238	Percent of Admin Review Actions Taken	
239	Within One Year	85.00
240	Homeland Security	
241	Number of OHS Grants for Jurisdictions	325
242	Number of First Responder Classes	210
243	Percent Increase in Emergency Task Force	



244	Responder Training and Exercises	5.00
245	Percent Increase in Citizen and	
246	Community Preparedness Training and	
247	Exercises	10.00
248	Percent Increase in Requests for Information	3.08
249	Percent Increase in National Incident	
250	Management Training and Exercises	1.49
251	Investigations	
252	Number of Human Trafficking Cases Initiated	172
253	Number of Human Trafficking Arrests	41
254	Number of Human Trafficking Child Recoveries	20
255	Capitol Police	
256	Number of Patrols	80
257	Number of Emergencies (Medical, Weather,	
258	Active Shooter, etc.)	6,000
259	Average Time to Respond to an Emergency	
260	(Minutes)	5.00
261	Motor Carrier	
262	Number of Compliance Reviews	160,000
263	Number of On-site Examinations at Scales	30,000
264	Number of Trucks Weighed	6,000,000
265	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
266	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
267	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
268	Committee for Fiscal Year 2027.	



269 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that all
270 divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall
271 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the
272 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
273 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
274 maintained for Fiscal Year 2025. It is further the intention of
275 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
276 2027 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
277 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
278 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request
279 process.

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

285 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
286 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
287 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
288 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
289 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
290 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
291 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
292 made without competitive bids.



293 **SECTION 14.** The department is authorized to expend available
294 funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it
295 will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings
296 generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures
297 thereof.

298 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to
299 the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7,
300 Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who
301 are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine
302 Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars
303 (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

304 **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
305 Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the
306 Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any
307 other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public
308 Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the
309 fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the
310 Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2026.

311 **SECTION 17.** The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the
312 authority to transfer any funds from any division within the
313 Department of Public Safety to any other division of the
314 Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not
315 limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741,
316 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars
317 (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2026. However,



318 none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended
319 unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written
320 notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

321 **SECTION 18.** The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend
322 a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)
323 from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the
324 provisions of Section 41-29-179, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section
325 1 of this act. Expenditures authorized by this section may
326 include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting
327 with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities
328 to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to
329 provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an
330 amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required
331 to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is
332 authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for
333 the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment
334 necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

335 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
336 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million
337 Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars
338 (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from
339 General Fund court assessments as follows:

340	State Crime Stoppers Fund.....\$	99,003.00.
341	Adult Driver Training.....\$	75,794.00.
342	Information Exchange Network Fund.....\$	264,007.00.



343 Forensics Laboratory of MS - Implied
344 Consent Law Fund.....\$ 404,795.00.
345 Forensics Laboratory of MS - DNA
346 Identification Fund.....\$ 629,543.00.
347 Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death
348 Benefits Trust Fund.....\$ 191,361.00.
349 Law Enforcement Standards Training - Law
350 Enforcement Officers Training Fund.....\$ 2,276,404.00.
351 Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement...\$ 13,573.00.
352 Federal - State Alcohol Program Fund.....\$ 160,431.00.
353 MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund.....\$ 197,691.00.

354 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
355 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public
356 Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend
357 special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds
358 (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
359 (\$500,000.00).

360 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant
361 to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty
362 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and
363 operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data
364 analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of
365 Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and
366 work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all
367 victims recovered.



368 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant
369 to Section 45-1-2(7), Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred
370 Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$242,603.00) is
371 provided for the duties and operations associated with the
372 Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

373 **SECTION 23.** The department may subgrant a portion of the
374 funds appropriated herein to the Jackson Police Department for
375 eligible activities contingent upon the execution of an
376 operational agreement between the Capitol Police and Jackson
377 Police Department on roles and responsibilities within the Capitol
378 Complex Improvement District.

379 **SECTION 24.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
380 necessary, is re-appropriated out of any money in the Capital
381 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of
382 Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
383 Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3020, 2024
384 Regular Session, to the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal
385 year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.....
386\$ 1,884,003.00.

387 This reappropriation is for the following purposes:

388 (a) Vehicles for Capitol Police.....\$ 1,465,604.00.
389 (b) R&R to Facilities at MS Law Enforcement Officers'
390 Training Academy.....\$ 96,691.00.



391 (c) Driver Services Bureau to upgrade and maintain the
392 IDEMIA System and any equipment necessary to implement
393 requirements under Section 63-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
394\$ 160,037.00.

395 (d) Driver Services Bureau-Canton Building...\$ 161,671.00.

396 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
397 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
398 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
399 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
400 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
401 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

402 **SECTION 25.** With the funds appropriated herein, the
403 Department of Public Safety is authorized to make payments to
404 certain vendors for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2021
405 through 2024 in the following total amount.....\$ 284,064.24.

406 **SECTION 26.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
407 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
408 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
409 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
410 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
411 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

412 **SECTION 27.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
413 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed from and after
414 June 30, 2025.

