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To: Juvenile Justice;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 341

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 43-21-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE JUVENILE DETENTION FUND; TO AMEND
3 REENACTED SECTION 43-21-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND
4 THE REPEALER ON THE DATE THE MONIES WILL LAPSE INTO THE GENERAL
5 FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 4, CHAPTER 546, LAWS OF 1995, AS AMENDED BY
6 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 494, LAWS OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2,
7 CHAPTER 379, LAWS OF 1998, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 554,
8 LAWS OF 1999, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE JUVENILE DETENTION
9 FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-317, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 reenacted and amended as follows:

13 43-21-317. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
14 fund to be known as the "Juvenile Detention Fund" which shall be
15 administered by the Department of Public Safety. Such fund shall
16 be used for the purposes established in this section. The
17 Department of Public Safety shall promulgate regulations for the
18 administration of the fund including applications for grants, the
19 awarding of grants and any necessary forms therefor.

20 (2) The fund shall consist of funds which shall be
21 appropriated by the Legislature in an amount equal to Three
22 Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) for each person in the total
23 population of the State of Mississippi. Any interest which
24 accrues in the fund shall remain in the fund and at the end of the

25 fiscal year any monies remaining in the fund shall not lapse into
26 the General Fund but shall remain in the fund until July 1, 2001,
27 at which time such remaining funds shall lapse into the General
28 Fund.

29 (3) The fund shall be used for the following purposes:

30 (a) To provide grants to local governmental units to
31 construct, renovate and maintain juvenile detention facilities.
32 Grants shall be awarded on a Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50)
33 per capita basis based on the population of the local governmental
34 unit. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to enter into
35 interlocal agreements to receive grants.

36 (b) To reduce existing indebtedness related to juvenile
37 detention facilities of units of government with existing
38 facilities, proposed facilities or facilities under construction.

39 (4) Any grants made under the provisions of this section
40 shall be made within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of
41 this chapter.

42 SECTION 2. Section 4, Chapter 546, Laws of 1995, as amended
43 by Section 3, Chapter 494, Laws of 1997, as amended by Section 2,
44 chapter 379, Laws of 1998, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 554,
45 Laws of 1999, is amended as follows:

46 Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after its passage and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2001.

48 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after its passage and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2000.