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To: Municipalities;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MUNICIPAL CRIME PREVENTION FUND; TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE
4 MONIES FROM THE FUND TO EACH MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE; TO SPECIFY
5 THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MUNICIPALITIES MAY EXPEND THE FUNDS
6 RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. There is created within the State Treasury a
9 special fund to be known as the Municipal Crime Prevention Fund.

10 The Department of Public Safety shall distribute monies out of the
11 fund to each municipality in this state on a per capita basis,
12 using the population figures from the most recent federal
13 decennial census; however, no municipality shall receive less than
14 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the fund. Funds received
15 by municipalities under this section may be expended for, without
16 limitation, any of the following purposes:

17 (a) Law enforcement;

18 (b) Equipment, technology, supplies, contractual
19 services, including training and related travel, and commodities;

20 (c) State or federal crime prevention grant matching
21 requirements; and

22 (d) Any crime prevention programs implemented by more
23 than one (1) jurisdiction, which may include the State of

24 Mississippi and any of its agencies, departments or political
25 subdivisions, through the use of interlocal cooperation
26 agreements.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after its passage.