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To: Municipalities;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 481  
(As Sent to Governor)

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. (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27 (2) This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2003.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

29 and after its passage.