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**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill NO. 2111**

**By Representative(s) Committee**

10           **Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting**  
11 **in lieu thereof the following:**

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13           SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Gang  
14 Behavior in Mississippi, the purpose of which is to coordinate the  
15 efforts of law enforcement agencies in the state to study, track,  
16 identify and develop strategies for dealing with gangs and deviant  
17 groups and individuals.

18           (2) The task force shall be composed of the following voting  
19 members: the Director of the Bureau of Narcotics, or his  
20 designee; the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his designee; the  
21 chief drug investigator for the Mississippi Department of  
22 Corrections; the Attorney General, or his designee; the State  
23 Superintendent of Education, or his designee; the President of the  
24 Mississippi Sheriffs' Association, or his designee; the President  
25 of the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police, or his  
26 designee; the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard,  
27 or his designee; the Director of the Office of Youth Services of  
28 the Department of Human Services, or his designee; a designee of  
29 the Mississippi Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law  
30 Enforcement; an appointee of the Speaker of the House and an  
31 appointee of the Lieutenant Governor, both of whom shall be chosen  
32 from experts in criminal justice and gang activity, and who shall

33 serve as co-vice chairmen of the task force; and an appointee of  
34 the Governor who is an expert in criminal justice and gang  
35 activity, who shall serve as chairman of the task force.

36 (3) The Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on  
37 Juvenile Justice, Judiciary (Judiciary En Banc), Corrections and  
38 Education, or their designees, shall serve in an advisory capacity  
39 as ex officio nonvoting members of the task force.

40 (4) The Chairman of the Task Force on Gang Behavior shall be  
41 appointed annually by the Governor, who shall call the initial  
42 meeting of the task force. The task force shall adopt bylaws and  
43 rules for its efficient operation, which may include designation  
44 of its organizational structure including other officers and  
45 committees, duties of committees, staff policies and other such  
46 procedures as may be necessary.

47 (5) The task force shall be assigned to the Mississippi  
48 Department of Public Safety for administrative purposes only, and  
49 the department shall designate staff to assist the task force.  
50 The task force shall be financed through the department's annual  
51 appropriation wherein funds are made available and shall be  
52 subject to Department of Public Safety policies and procedures.  
53 Members of the task force may receive, within the funds  
54 appropriated, reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while  
55 engaged in official business of the task force, except that the  
56 legislative members shall be paid from the contingent expense  
57 funds of their respective houses.

58 (6) The task force shall meet and conduct business at least  
59 quarterly. All meetings of the task force and any committees of  
60 the task force shall be open to the public, with opportunities for  
61 public comment.

62 (7) The task force may apply for and expend grants or other  
63 contributions for the purpose of studying and tracking gang and  
64 deviant activity in Mississippi.

65 (8) The Task Force on Gang Behavior in Mississippi shall  
66 have the following responsibilities:

67 (a) Serve as a liaison with the appropriate local law

68 enforcement agencies, public school officials, human services  
69 officials, youth court personnel and correctional officials to  
70 track, study, identify and develop strategies for the prevention,  
71 identification and suppression of illegal gang and deviant groups.

72 (b) Serve an advocacy and public awareness role with  
73 the general public regarding illegal gang and deviant group  
74 behavior.

75 (c) Recommend and make annual reports to the  
76 Legislature and Governor regarding appropriate policies to reduce  
77 illegal and deviant gang activity in Mississippi.

78 (d) Consult with experts and examine actions taken in  
79 other states regarding illegal gang activity.

80 (9) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2002.

81 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2000.