

By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Judiciary B;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE RACIAL PROFILING STUDY COMMITTEE; TO
2 PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE
3 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND LODGING; TO REQUIRE A REPORT TO THE
4 LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Racial Profiling Study
7 Committee to be comprised of the following members:

8 (a) Five (5) members of the Mississippi House of
9 Representatives appointed by the Speaker;

10 (b) Five (5) members of the Mississippi State Senate
11 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

12 (c) One (1) member who shall be a representative of the
13 Office of the Attorney General;

14 (d) One (1) member who shall be a representative of the
15 Mississippi public Defenders Association;

16 (e) One (1) member who shall be a representative of a
17 law enforcement agency appointed by the commissioner of Public
18 Safety;

19 (f) One (1) member who shall be appointed by the Chief
20 Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court; and

21 (g) One (1) member who shall be appointed by the
22 Governor;

23 (2) The committee shall elect a chairman and such other
24 officers as it deems necessary. The committee is authorized to
25 meet monthly until it reports its findings to the Legislature.

26 (3) The committee shall study the problem of racial
27 profiling by law enforcement and its impact on the constitutional
28 and civil rights of persons affected by racial profiling. The



29 committee shall submit its report and any recommendations to the
30 Legislature on December 1, 2002.

31 (4) Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for the
32 costs of travel and lodging incurred in exercising their duties as
33 provided by law.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after its passage.

