

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th)

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2558  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 KOSCIUSKO, MISSISSIPPI, TO PAY CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE PROCEEDS  
3 OF COURT COSTS AND FINES IN CERTAIN CASES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
4 FUNDING A DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SIMILAR  
5 PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR FOR FUNDING OTHER  
6 DRUG-RELATED ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of  
9 Kosciusko, Mississippi, in their discretion, by resolution duly  
10 adopted and entered on its minutes, may pay from the proceeds of  
11 court costs or fines imposed in its municipal court:

12 (a) Upon each person convicted under the Controlled  
13 Substances Law, up to the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

14 (b) Upon each person convicted under the Mississippi  
15 Implied Consent Law, up to the amount of Twenty-five Dollars  
16 (\$25.00).

17 (c) Upon all moving traffic violations, except for  
18 violations of the seat belt law (Section 63-2-1), up to the amount  
19 of Three Dollars (\$3.00).

20 (d) Upon all alcohol offenses, except for violations of  
21 the Mississippi Implied Consent Law, up to the amount of  
22 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

23 (e) Upon all other misdemeanors, except for violations  
24 of the Mississippi Juvenile Tobacco Access Prevention Act of 1997,  
25 up to the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

26 (2) The resolution adopted by the governing authorities  
27 shall include a statement of the board's intent to pay such  
28 amounts, the purpose therefor and the date on which the municipal  
29 court will begin to make such payments.



30 (3) The amounts paid pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
31 section shall be used exclusively to fund the implementation of a  
32 Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program or similar program  
33 designed to deter the abuse of drugs in the Kosciusko Municipal  
34 Separate School District or for other drug-related enforcement  
35 purposes as specified in the resolution required to be adopted in  
36 subsection (2) of this section.

37 (4) Upon the adoption of the resolution stating their intent  
38 to pay such amounts from the proceeds of court costs or fines  
39 imposed in municipal court, the governing authorities shall  
40 provide for the creation of a special city fund in which all  
41 amounts paid under subsection (1) of this section shall be  
42 deposited. Monies in the special fund shall be used for the  
43 purpose of defraying the cost of the Drug Abuse Resistance  
44 Education Program or similar program or other drug-related law  
45 enforcement efforts.

46 (5) The clerk of the municipal court shall deposit and  
47 account for the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
48 section in the same manner as court costs and fines collected in  
49 those courts.

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

