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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1387

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF POLICE PURSUITS TO THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH INFORMATION
3 SHALL BE PUBLIC INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) In this subsection, "police pursuit" means
6 an active attempt by a law enforcement officer in a police vehicle
7 to apprehend one or more occupants of a moving motor vehicle, the
8 operator of which is resisting apprehension by disregarding the
9 officer's visual or audible signal to stop his or her vehicle,
10 increasing the speed of the vehicle or extinguishing the lights of
11 the vehicle.

12 (2) Not later than August 15 of each year, each law
13 enforcement agency shall report to the Department of Public
14 Safety, on a form prescribed by the department, information on
15 police pursuit engaged in during the preceding twelve (12) months
16 by law enforcement officers employed by that agency. Each police
17 pursuit shall be reported by the law enforcement officer to the
18 agency within sixty (60) days of the police pursuit. The
19 information shall include the circumstances of the police pursuit,
20 including the distance, location and maximum speed of the pursuit;
21 the reasons for commencing the police pursuit; and the outcome of
22 the police pursuit, including the number, if any, of the resulting
23 deaths or great bodily injuries and an estimate of the value of
24 any resulting property damage, if any. The department shall
25 collect and maintain information submitted under this section for
26 not less than ten (10) years. Such information shall be public
27 information open for inspection during regular business hours.



28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2003.

