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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2795

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW A DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SUPPLEMENT THE SALARY OF A
3 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS AS COMPENSATION
4 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK DONE OUTSIDE THE REGULAR DUTIES OF A FULL-TIME
5 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
10 criminal investigator.

11 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
12 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and
13 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional
14 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time
15 criminal investigators.

16 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and
17 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
18 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
19 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

20 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
21 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
22 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

23 (5) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this
24 subsection (5), the full and complete compensation for all public
25 duties rendered by full-time criminal investigators shall be not
26 more than Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) per annum, to
27 be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based
28 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal



29 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
30 in accordance with Section 25-31-8.

31 (b) (i) * * * The maximum salary under this subsection
32 (5) for a criminal investigator who has a law degree may be
33 supplemented by the district attorney from other available funds,
34 but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal assistant to a
35 district attorney.

36 (ii) The maximum salary under this subsection (5)
37 for a criminal investigator who administers a pretrial
38 intervention program may be supplemented by the district attorney
39 from other available funds, but not to exceed an additional Seven
40 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per month.

41 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
42 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
43 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
44 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal
45 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
46 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
47 attorney.

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

