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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 826

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF A
2 STATEWIDE FIRST RESPONDER BUILDING MAPPING INFORMATION SYSTEM BY
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE
4 AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST UTILIZE BUILDING MAPPING
5 SOFTWARE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE BUILDING MAPPING SOFTWARE
6 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY BUILDING MAPPED
7 AFTER THE SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE AND
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDINGS THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY STATE OR
9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MUST BE MAPPED; TO PROVIDE THAT ONCE
10 THE SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL, ALL STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
11 BUILDINGS THAT ARE MAPPED MUST FORWARD THEIR BUILDING MAPPING
12 INFORMATION DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT
13 SHALL MAKE THE BUILDING MAPPING INFORMATION AVAILABLE
14 ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
15 AGENCIES, THE MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT, AND FIRE
16 DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature recognizes the extreme dangers
19 present when the safety of our citizens requires first responders,
20 such as law enforcement officers and fire fighters, to evacuate
21 and secure a building. In an effort to prepare for responding to
22 unintended disasters, criminal acts, and acts of terrorism, the
23 Legislature intends to create a statewide first responder building
24 mapping information system that will provide all first responders
25 with the information they need to be successful when disaster
26 strikes. The first responder building mapping system in this act
27 is to be developed for a limited and specific purpose and is in no
28 way to be construed as imposing standards or system requirements
29 on any other mapping systems developed and used for any other
30 local government purposes.

31 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this act, the term "department"
32 means the Department of Public Safety.

33 (2) The department shall create and operate a statewide
34 first responder building mapping information system. In creating

35 the system, the department shall consult with the Mississippi
36 Association of Supervisors, the Mississippi Municipal League, the
37 Mississippi Sheriffs' Association, the Mississippi Law Enforcement
38 Officers' Association, the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of
39 Police, the Mississippi Fire Chief's Association, the Mississippi
40 Justice Information Center, the Mississippi Emergency Management
41 Agency, the Emergency Medical Services Division of the State
42 Department of Health and the Mississippians for Emergency Medical
43 Service Association.

44 (3) All state agencies and local governments must utilize
45 building mapping software that complies with the building mapping
46 software standards established under Section 3 of this act for any
47 building mapped for this purpose after the statewide first
48 responder building mapping information system is operational.

49 (4) All state and local government-owned buildings that are
50 occupied by state or local government employees must be mapped.

51 (5) Once the statewide first responder building mapping
52 information system is operational, all state and local government
53 buildings that are mapped must forward their building mapping
54 information data to the department. All participating privately
55 owned and federally owned buildings may voluntarily forward their
56 mapping and emergency information data to the department. The
57 department may refuse any building mapping information that does
58 not comply with the specifications described in Section 3 of this
59 act.

60 (6) Consistent with the guidelines developed under Section 3
61 of this act, the department shall make the building mapping
62 information available electronically to all state, local and
63 federal law enforcement agencies, the Mississippi Military
64 Department, and fire departments.

65 (7) Consistent with the guidelines developed under Section 3
66 of this act, the department shall develop building mapping

67 software standards that must be used to participate in the
68 statewide first responder building mapping information system.

69 (8) The department shall seek to obtain federal funds to:

70 (a) Create the statewide first responder building
71 mapping information system; and

72 (b) Develop grants for the mapping of all state and
73 local government buildings in the order determined under Section 3
74 of this act.

75 (9) All tactical and intelligence information provided to
76 the department under this act shall be exempt from the provisions
77 of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

78 **SECTION 3.** (1) The department, in consultation with the
79 Mississippi Association of Supervisors, the Mississippi Municipal
80 League, the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association, the Mississippi Law
81 Enforcement Officers' Association, the Mississippi Association of
82 Chiefs of Police, the Mississippi Fire Chief's Association, the
83 Mississippi Justice Information Center, the Mississippi Emergency
84 Management Agency, the Emergency Medical Services Division of the
85 State Department of Health and the Mississippians for Emergency
86 Medical Service Association, shall convene a committee to
87 establish guidelines related to the statewide first responder
88 building mapping information system. The committee shall have the
89 following responsibilities:

90 (a) Develop the type of information to be included in
91 the statewide first responder building mapping information system.
92 The information shall include, but is not limited to: Floor
93 plans, fire protection information, evacuation plans, utility
94 information, known hazards, and text and digital images showing
95 emergency personnel contact information;

96 (b) Develop building mapping software standards that
97 must be utilized by all entities participating in the statewide
98 first responder building mapping information system;

99 (c) Develop guidelines on how the information will be
100 made available. These guidelines shall include detailed
101 procedures and security systems to ensure that the information is
102 only made available to the government entity that either owns the
103 building or is responding to an incident at the building.

104 (2) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of
105 state agencies and local governments to control and maintain
106 access to information within their independent systems.

107 **SECTION 4.** Units of local government and their employees are
108 immune from civil liability for damages arising out of the
109 creation and use of the statewide first responder building mapping
110 information system, unless it is shown that an employee acted with
111 gross negligence or bad faith.

112 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
113 and after July 1, 2004.