

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of
7 the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 173,016,709.00.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
11 to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose
12 of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various
13 divisions of the department for the fiscal year beginning
14 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 113,449,615.00.

15 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
16 this act, the following positions are authorized:

17 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:



18 Permanent: 1,693

19 Time-Limited: 78

20 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
21 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
22 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
23 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
24 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
25 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
26 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
27 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
28 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
29 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
30 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
31 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
32 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
33 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
34 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
35 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
36 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

37 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
38 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
39 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
40 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
41 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
42 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the



43 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
44 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
45 essential for the agency.

46 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
47 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
48 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
49 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
50 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
51 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
52 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
53 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
54 appropriated level.

55 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
56 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
57 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
58 withdrawn and no longer available.

59 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
60 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A
61 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
62 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

63 **SECTION 4.** The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a
64 case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that
65 corrective salary adjustments be made to the compensation of
66 employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was
67 created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous



68 application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective
69 salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State
70 Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

71 Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major
72 object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated
73 compensatory time within funds available.

74 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that the
75 Department of Public Safety shall receive Five Million Dollars
76 (\$5,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Department of Transportation,
77 for the operations of the Office of Commercial Transportation
78 Enforcement Division that is authorized in Section 77-7-330,
79 Mississippi Code of 1972.

80 **SECTION 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
81 local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the
82 Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their
83 contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

84 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
85 Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the
86 Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of
87 all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics
88 Laboratories.

89 **SECTION 8.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be
90 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for
91 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication
92 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor



93 shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be
94 transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or
95 officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities
96 of such office.

97 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
98 Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for
99 violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended
100 under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for
101 violations of speed limits.

102 **SECTION 10.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
103 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
104 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
105 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
106 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
107 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
108 performance measures provided below:

	FY2025
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
111 Enforcement	
112 Percent Increase in Enforcement Citations	7.50
113 Percent Decrease in Fatalities	4.00
114 Percent Increase in DUI Arrests	
115 (includes felony DUI)	5.00
116 Number of Criminal Investigations	68,000
117 Number of Highway Fatalities per 100	



118	Million Vehicle Miles of Travel	0.80
119	Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving	
120	Fatalities per 100,000 Population	1.60
121	Number of Driving Under the Influence	
122	(DUI) Arrests per 100,000 population	230
123	Percent Increase in Seatbelt/Child	
124	Restraint Citations	7.00
125	Driver Services	
126	Number of Driver's License/ID Cards Issued	635,250
127	Cost per License Document Produced	24.00
128	Number of Driver's Suspended	24,300
129	Number of Accident Reports Processed	1,650
130	Average Wait Time (Minutes)	20.00
131	Number of Documented Complaints	24
132	Percent Change in Wait Time	-5.00
133	Percent Change in Complaints	1.10
134	Percent Increase in Regular and	
135	Commercial Driver Licenses Issued	10.00
136	Support Services	
137	Number of Financial Transactions Processed	45,402
138	Number of Employees Supported	1,776
139	Forensic Analysis	
140	Number of Reports Issued (Cases)	25,000
141	Number of Court Testimonies (Cases)	200
142	Cost per Case Analyzed	450.00



143	Cost per Testimony	550.00
144	Percent of Days for Reports Issued	40.00
145	Dna Analysis	
146	Number of Known Felony Offender Samples	
147	in Database	165,000
148	Number of Proficiency Samples	950
149	Number of Casework Samples Examined	12,500
150	Cost per Sample	750
151	Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
152	Forensic Pathology	
153	Number of Deaths Investigated	26,500
154	Number of Autopsies Performed SME Office	1,400
155	Cost per Autopsy Performed	2,000.00
156	Percent Change in the Number of Deaths	
157	Investigated	3.00
158	Percent of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	45.00
159	Percent Change in the Number of	
160	Autopsies Performed at SME Office	2.00
161	Training Academy	
162	Number of Basic Students to Graduate	200
163	Number of Basic Refresher Students to	
164	Graduate	10
165	Number of In-Service and Advanced	
166	Students to Graduate	850
167	Percent of Law Enforcement Officers Trained	100.00



168	Drug Enforcement	
169	Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1,300
170	Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	600
171	Number of Drug Organization Disrupted	
172	and/or Dismantled	4
173	Percent Change in Number of Drug	
174	Suspects Arrested	1.00
175	Percent Change in Number of Drug Cases	
176	Prosecuted	1.00
177	Percent Change in Number of Drug	
178	Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	1.00
179	Jail Officer Training	
180	Number of Jail and Youth Detention	
181	Officers Certified	250
182	Number of Certification Transactions	2,750
183	Number of Administrative Review Actions	5
184	Percent of Appointed Jail and Youth	
185	Detention Officers Obtaining	
186	Certification	60.00
187	Percent of Administrative Review Actions	
188	Taken Within One Year	1.00
189	Law Enforcement Training	
190	Number of Basic Law Enforcement Officers	
191	Certified	500
192	Number of Certification Transactions	2,500



193	Number of Training Quality Monitoring	
194	Actions	1,000
195	Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement	
196	Officers Obtaining Certification	75.00
197	Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve,	
198	Auxiliary Officers Obtaining	
199	Certification	80.00
200	Percent of Administrative Disciplinary	
201	Actions Taken Within One Year	3.50
202	Highway Safety	
203	Number of Federal Applications Funded	
204	and Statewide Pgms Supported	10
205	Percent Decrease in the Number of	
206	Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant	
207	Fatalities by 5%	2.00
208	Percent Decrease in the Number of	
209	Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver	
210	or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of	
211	.08 and Above	1.00
212	Justice	
213	Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention	
214	Alternatives	4
215	Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	3
216	Emerg Telecommunications Tng	
217	Number of Emergency Telecommunicators	



218	Certified	500
219	Number of Certification Transactions	2,000
220	Percent of Appointed Emergency	
221	Telecommunicators Obtaining	
222	Certification	75.00
223	Percent of Appointed Emergency	
224	Telecommunicators Obtaining	
225	Recertification	75.00
226	Percent of Administrative Review Actions	
227	Taken Within One Year	1.00
228	Council On Aging	
229	Number of Triad Programs Established	2
230	Number of Training Programs Conducted	0
231	Provide On-Site-Training	0
232	Percent Change in Number of Operational	
233	Triad Programs	3.00
234	Percent Increase in Funding to Counties	
235	to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
236	Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit	
237	Number of Facilities Inspected	125
238	Number of Strategic Plans Implemented	20
239	Percentage of Admin Review Actions Taken	
240	Within One Year	80.00
241	Homeland Security	
242	Number of OHS Grants for Jurisdictions	325



243	Number of First Responder Classes	210
244	Percent Increase in Emergency Task Force	
245	Responder Training and Exercises	2.00
246	Percent Increase in Citizen and	
247	Community Preparedness Training and	
248	Exercises	10.00
249	Percent Increase in Requests for Information	3.08
250	Percent Increase in National Incident	
251	Mgmt Training and Exercises	1.49
252	Investigations	
253	Number of Human Trafficking Cases Initiated	250
254	Number of Human Trafficking Arrests	50
255	Number of Human Trafficking Child Recoveries	25
256	Capitol Police	
257	Number of Patrols	65
258	Number of Emergencies (Medical, Weather,	
259	Active Shooter, etc.)	4,500
260	Average Time to Respond to an Emergency	
261	(Minutes)	5.00
262	Motor Carrier	
263	Number of Compliance Reviews	50,000
264	Number of On-site Examinations at Scales	32,000
265	Number of Trucks Weighed	5,800,000
266	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
267	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	



268 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
269 Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

270 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that all
271 divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall
272 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the
273 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
274 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
275 maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of
276 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
277 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
278 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
279 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request
280 process.

281 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
282 of Section 2 of this act, funds may be expended to defray the
283 costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in
284 an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually
285 per officer.

286 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
287 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
288 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
289 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
290 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
291 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



292 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
293 made without competitive bids.

294 **SECTION 14.** The department is authorized to expend available
295 funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it
296 will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings
297 generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures
298 thereof.

299 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to
300 the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7,
301 Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who
302 are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine
303 Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars
304 (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

305 **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
306 Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the
307 Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any
308 other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public
309 Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the
310 fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the
311 Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2025.

312 **SECTION 17.** The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the
313 authority to transfer any funds from any division within the
314 Department of Public Safety to any other division of the
315 Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not
316 limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741,



317 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars
318 (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2025. However,
319 none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended
320 unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written
321 notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

322 **SECTION 18.** The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend
323 a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)
324 from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the
325 provisions of Section 41-29-179, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section
326 1 of this act. Expenditures authorized by this section may
327 include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting
328 with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities
329 to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to
330 provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an
331 amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required
332 to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is
333 authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for
334 the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment
335 necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

336 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
337 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million
338 Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars
339 (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from
340 General Fund court assessments as follows:

341 State Crime Stoppers Fund.....\$ 99,003.00.



342	Adult Driver Training.....	\$	75,794.00.
343	Information Exchange Network Fund.....	\$	264,007.00.
344	Forensics Laboratory of MS - Implied		
345	Consent Law Fund.....	\$	404,795.00.
346	Forensics Laboratory of MS - DNA		
347	Identification Fund.....	\$	629,543.00.
348	Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death		
349	Benefits Trust Fund.....	\$	191,361.00.
350	Law Enforcement Standards Training - Law		
351	Enforcement Officers Training Fund.....	\$	2,276,404.00.
352	Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement...	\$	13,573.00.
353	Federal - State Alcohol Program Fund.....	\$	160,431.00.
354	MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund.....	\$	197,691.00.

355 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
356 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public
357 Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend
358 special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds
359 (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
360 (\$500,000.00).

361 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant
362 to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty
363 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and
364 operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data
365 analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of
366 Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and



367 work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all
368 victims recovered.

369 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant
370 to Section 45-1-2(7), Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred
371 Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$242,603.00) is
372 provided for the duties and operations associated with the
373 Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

374 **SECTION 23.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
375 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
376 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of
377 Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
378 Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3012, 2023
379 Regular Session, to the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal
380 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
381 June 30, 2025.....\$ 6,208,815.00.

382 This reappropriation is for the following purposes:

383 (a) Forensics Case Backlog.....\$ 432,815.00.

384 (b) Driver Services Bureau IDEMIA System...\$ 5,610,000.00.

385 (c) Driver Services Bureau to upgrade and maintain the
386 IDEMIA System and any equipment necessary to implement
387 requirements under Section 63-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
388\$ 166,000.00.

389 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
390 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
391 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds



392 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
393 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
394 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

395 **SECTION 24.** The department may subgrant a portion of the
396 funds appropriated herein to the Jackson Police Department for
397 eligible activities contingent upon the execution of an
398 operational agreement between the Capitol Police and Jackson
399 Police Department on roles and responsibilities within the Capitol
400 Complex Improvement District.

401 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
402 of Section 2, One Million (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as
403 may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State
404 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
405 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
406 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are
407 provided for the purchase of Forensics lab equipment.

408 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
409 of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00), or so much
410 thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in
411 the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as
412 created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and
413 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.
414 These funds are provided for the repair and renovation to
415 facilities at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training
416 Academy excluding preplanning for the new MLEOTA Campus.



417 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
418 of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thirty-five Thousand
419 (\$1,535,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be
420 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
421 the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303,
422 Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined
423 by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the
424 building lease for Driver Services Bureau and for building
425 improvements and equipment.

426 **SECTION 28.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
427 of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Eighty-three Thousand
428 (\$1,583,00.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be
429 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
430 the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303,
431 Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined
432 by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the
433 purchase of vehicles for Capitol Police.

434 **SECTION 29.** With the funds appropriated herein, the
435 Department of Public Safety is authorized to make payment to
436 certain vendors for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2017
437 through 2023 in the following total amount.....\$ 21,172.67.

438 **SECTION 30.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
439 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
440 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
441 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



442 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
443 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

444 **SECTION 31.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
445 and after July 1, 2024.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Hopson

X (SIGNED)
Deweese

X (SIGNED)
Wiggins

X (SIGNED)
Read

X (SIGNED)
Norwood

X (SIGNED)
Cockerham

