

By: Senator(s) McLendon

To: Judiciary, Division B;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2329

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI GLACIER (ICE) ACT; TO CREATE
2 THE MISSISSIPPI GLACIER (ICE) GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERAL 297(G) IMMIGRATION
5 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS FOR AWARDING GRANTS;
6 TO PROVIDE A PROHIBITION OF GRANTS BEING AWARDED FOR CERTAIN
7 ACTIVITIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES AND
8 REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE
9 MISSISSIPPI GLACIER (ICE) GRANT PROGRAM FUND WITHIN THE STATE
10 TREASURY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 SECTION 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as
13 the "Mississippi Glacier (ICE) Act."

14 (2) For the purpose of this section:

15 (a) "Law enforcement agency" means any agency or unit
16 of government or any municipality of the state or any political
17 subdivision thereof, or any agent thereof which has constitutional
18 or statutory authority to employ or appoint persons as officers,
19 whether such agency or unit has an internal investigation division
20 or not. The term also includes any private entity which has
21 contracted with the state or county for the operation and
22 maintenance of a nonjuvenile detention facility.

23 (b) "Partnership agreement" means that the law
24 enforcement agency that has submitted and gotten approval from the
25 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the
26 287(g) program, for the agency's Letter of Interest, and a signed
27 Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by both agencies.

35 (4) The department shall annually award any funds
36 specifically appropriated for the grant program to reimburse
37 expenses for, including, but not limited to, subletting detention
38 beds to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement,
39 equipment, travel, lodging, and training programs, which include
40 certified apprenticeship programs related to supporting the
41 enforcement of federal immigration laws. The total amount of
42 grants awarded may not exceed funding appropriated for the grant
43 program.

44 (5) The Department of Public Safety must promulgate the
45 rules and procedures governing the application and award process
46 for the grant program. Grants shall be awarded on a first-come,
47 first-served basis, based on the date the department received each



48 completed application. Consideration shall be given to whether
49 the law enforcement agency was a recipient of a grant under this
50 section in the previous year.

51 (6) In order to efficiently and effectively disburse the
52 funds, the department shall not duplicate benefits, and grants may
53 not be awarded to pay for any activity for which the agency has
54 received or expects to receive federal or other funding.

55 (7) The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules and
56 regulations necessary to implement this act.

57 **SECTION 2.** There is created in the State Treasury a special
58 fund to be known as the "Mississippi Glacier (ICE) Grant Program
59 Fund," which may be established based on funds provided by the
60 State Legislature. Awards authorized under the Mississippi
61 Glacier (ICE) Grant Program shall be disbursed by the Mississippi
62 Department of Public Safety. The fund shall consist of monies
63 appropriated by the Legislature and funds received as grants,
64 endowments or gifts from the federal government, its agencies and
65 instrumentalities and funds from any other available sources,
66 public or private. Any unexpended monies remaining in the fund,
67 including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year, shall
68 not lapse to the State General Fund, but shall remain in the fund.

69 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
70 and after July 1, 2026.

