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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1283  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT ENTITLED THE "MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL SAFETY ACT OF 2019";  
2 TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP AND CONDUCT AN ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL  
4 WITHIN THE FIRST 60 DAYS OF EACH NEW SCHOOL SEMESTER FOR STUDENTS  
5 AND STAFF AND TO REQUIRE ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND  
6 CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS (CRASE) TRAINING  
7 ANNUALLY; TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
8 PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE  
9 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL INCLUDE A PILOT PROGRAM TO  
10 IMPLEMENT A DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL  
11 CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5; TO REQUIRE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
12 TO COMPLETE A TRAINING OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE IN  
13 MENTAL HEALTH EVERY TWO YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-93,  
14 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF  
15 HOMELAND SECURITY TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM, TRAIN AND CERTIFY  
16 THREAT ASSESSMENT OFFICERS; TO REQUIRE CERTIFIED THREAT ASSESSMENT  
17 OFFICERS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL INSPECTIONS AND THREAT ASSESSMENT OF  
18 EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, DEVELOP AN IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR  
19 EACH SCHOOL INSPECTED AND PROVIDE REPORTS OF SUCH FINDINGS TO  
20 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD WITHIN  
21 FOUR WEEKS OF COMPLETION; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-3-89,  
22 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS;  
23 TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-91, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND  
24 STUDENT ACCESS TO LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES UNDER THE REGIONAL  
25 BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE  
26 STANDARDIZED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN COMMUNITY  
27 MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS AND FACILITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
28 INCLUDE REFERRAL PROTOCOLS AND TO TRAIN SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO  
29 CONDUCT INITIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS OF STUDENTS WHO  
30 EXPERIENCE STRESS OR ARE AT RISK OF HARM; TO AMEND SECTION  
31 37-3-82, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL STATE  
32 FUNDING OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
33 EDUCATION UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING  
34 SERVICES IN SCHOOLS (MCOPS) PROGRAM; TO CODIFY SECTION 95-15-1,



35 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
36 EDUCATION TO RAISE STATEWIDE AWARENESS REGARDING THE "SEE  
37 SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING ACT" AND PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY  
38 FOR GOOD FAITH REPORTING OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR BEHAVIOR; TO  
39 AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE  
40 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI ANALYSIS  
41 AND INFORMATION CENTER (MSAIC FUSION CENTER) IN THE OFFICE OF  
42 HOMELAND SECURITY AND TO EMPLOY REGIONAL ANALYSTS DEDICATED TO  
43 STATEWIDE SOCIAL MEDIA INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM THREATS AND THE  
44 DISSEMINATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED  
45 PURPOSES.

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

47 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be entitled and may be cited as  
48 the "Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019."

49 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-11-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
50 amended as follows:

51 37-11-5. It shall be the duty of the principals and teachers  
52 in all public school buildings to instruct the pupils in the  
53 methods of fire drills and to practice fire drills until all the  
54 pupils in the school are familiar with the methods of escape.  
55 Such fire drills shall be conducted often enough to keep such  
56 pupils well drilled. It shall be the further duty of such  
57 principals and teachers to instruct the pupils in all programs of  
58 emergency management as may be designated by the State Department  
59 of Education.

60 (2) It shall be the further duty of such principals and  
61 teachers to develop and conduct an active shooter drill within the  
62 first sixty (60) days of each new school semester for students,  
63 teachers and staff.

64 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-3-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
65 amended as follows:



66           37-3-83. (1) There is established within the State  
67 Department of Education, using only existing staff and resources,  
68 a School Safety Grant Program, available to all eligible public  
69 school districts, to assist in financing programs to provide  
70 school safety. However, no monies from the Temporary Assistance  
71 for Needy Families grant may be used for the School Safety Grant  
72 Program.

73           (2) The school board of each school district, with the  
74 assistance of the State Department of Education School Safety  
75 Center, shall adopt a comprehensive local school district school  
76 safety plan and shall update the plan on an annual basis.

77           (3) Subject to the extent of appropriations available, the  
78 School Safety Grant Program shall offer any of the following  
79 specific preventive services, and other additional services  
80 appropriate to the most current school district school safety  
81 plan:

82                   (a) Metal detectors;

83                   (b) Video surveillance cameras, communications  
84 equipment and monitoring equipment for classrooms, school  
85 buildings, school grounds and school buses;

86                   (c) Crisis management/action teams responding to school  
87 violence;

88                   (d) Violence prevention training, conflict resolution  
89 training, behavioral stress training and other appropriate



90 training designated by the State Department of Education for  
91 faculty and staff; and

92 (e) School safety personnel.

93 (4) Each local school district of this state may annually  
94 apply for school safety grant funds subject to appropriations by  
95 the Legislature. School safety grants shall include a base grant  
96 amount plus an additional amount per student in average daily  
97 attendance in the school or school district. The base grant  
98 amount and amount per student shall be determined by the State  
99 Board of Education, subject to specific appropriation therefor by  
100 the Legislature. In order to be eligible for such program, each  
101 local school board desiring to participate shall apply to the  
102 State Department of Education by May 31 before the beginning of  
103 the applicable fiscal year on forms provided by the department,  
104 and shall be required to establish a local School Safety Task  
105 Force to involve members of the community in the school safety  
106 effort. The State Department of Education shall determine by July  
107 1 of each succeeding year which local school districts have  
108 submitted approved applications for school safety grants.

109 (5) As part of the School Safety Grant Program, the State  
110 Department of Education may conduct a pilot program to research  
111 the feasibility of using video camera equipment in the classroom  
112 to address the following:

113 (a) Determine if video cameras in the classroom reduce  
114 student disciplinary problems;



115 (b) Enable teachers to present clear and convincing  
116 evidence of a student's disruptive behavior to the student, the  
117 principal, the superintendent and the student's parents; and

118 (c) Enable teachers to review teaching performance and  
119 receive diagnostic feedback for developmental purposes.

120 (6) Any local school district may use  
121 audio/visual-monitoring equipment in classrooms, hallways,  
122 buildings, grounds and buses for the purpose of monitoring school  
123 disciplinary problems.

124 (7) As a component of the comprehensive local school  
125 district school safety plan required under subsection (2) of this  
126 section, the school board of a school district may adopt and  
127 implement a policy addressing sexual abuse of children, to be  
128 known as "Erin's Law Awareness." Any policy adopted under this  
129 subsection may include or address, but need not be limited to, the  
130 following:

131 (a) Methods for increasing teacher, student and  
132 parental awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children,  
133 including knowledge of likely warning signs indicating that a  
134 child may be a victim of sexual abuse;

135 (b) Educational information for parents or guardians,  
136 which may be included in the school handbook, on the warning signs  
137 of a child being abused, along with any needed assistance,  
138 referral or resource information;



139 (c) Training for school personnel on child sexual  
140 abuse;

141 (d) Age-appropriate curriculum for students in  
142 prekindergarten through fifth grade;

143 (e) Actions that a child who is a victim of sexual  
144 abuse should take to obtain assistance and intervention;

145 (f) Counseling and resources available for students  
146 affected by sexual abuse; and

147 (g) Emotional and educational support for a child who  
148 has been abused to enable the child to be successful in school.

149 (8) As part of the school safety grant program, the State  
150 Department of Education shall establish three (3) pilot programs  
151 in six (6) school districts utilizing an evidence-based curriculum  
152 to provide students in Grades K-5 with skills to manage stress and  
153 anxiety in order for them to be better equipped to handle  
154 challenges in a healthy way and build resiliency. The Mississippi  
155 Department of Mental Health shall be responsible for the selection  
156 of the content of the evidence-based curriculum. The results of  
157 this pilot program shall be measured and reported, and such  
158 results shall be used in consideration of the implementation of  
159 this curriculum statewide.

160 (9) As a component of the comprehensive local school  
161 district safety plan required under subsection (2) of this  
162 section, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the State  
163 Department of Education shall require local school districts to



164 conduct, every two (2) years, refresher training on mental health  
165 and suicide prevention for all school employees and personnel,  
166 including all cafeteria workers, custodians, teachers and  
167 administrators. The Mississippi Department of Mental Health shall  
168 be responsible for the development and/or selection of the content  
169 of the training, which training shall be provided at no cost to  
170 school employees. School districts shall report completion of the  
171 training to the State Department of Education.

172       **SECTION 4.** Section 37-3-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
173 amended as follows:

174       37-3-93. (1) Subject to the availability of funding  
175 specifically appropriated for such purpose, there is established a  
176 School Crisis Management Program under the State Department of  
177 Education. This program is to be initiated and executed by the  
178 department using only existing staff and resources. Under this  
179 program, the State Department of Education shall create an office  
180 making available a quick response team of personnel trained in  
181 school safety and crisis management to respond to traumatic or  
182 violent situations that impact students and faculty in the public  
183 schools in Mississippi. The required School Crisis Management  
184 Program shall operate in accordance with the following:

185           (a) The basic response team shall consist of those  
186 personnel designated by the State Superintendent of Public  
187 Education, or their designees, depending on the size of the school  
188 and the nature of the event.



189           (b) In order to access the services of a response team,  
190 the request must be made by the local school principal or the  
191 superintendent of schools, who shall make the request to the State  
192 Department of Education or its contact designee.

193           (c) A response team shall enter a school to work with  
194 students and faculty for a period of no more than three (3) days,  
195 unless otherwise requested by the school district.

196           (d) The State Department of Education, or its designee,  
197 shall operate a toll-free incoming wide area telephone service for  
198 the purpose of receiving reports of suspected cases of school  
199 violence and other traumatic situations impacting on students and  
200 faculty in the public schools.

201           (e) The request made by a school district to access the  
202 services of a response team following a school safety incident may  
203 seek a review of the local school district's safety plan, and the  
204 results of this evaluation may be published by the local school  
205 board in a newspaper with wide circulation in the district.

206           (f) Subject to the availability of funds specifically  
207 appropriated therefor by the Legislature, the expenses of the  
208 quick response teams and their administrative support shall be  
209 provided from state funds. The State Department of Education may  
210 apply for and expend funds for the support and maintenance of this  
211 program from private and other funding sources.

212           (2) Local school districts, school superintendents and  
213 principals may request and utilize the services of quick response





214 teams provided for under this section; however, this section does  
215 not require school officials to request the services of quick  
216 response teams.

217 (3) As a component of the School Crisis Management Program,  
218 the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security shall develop a  
219 curriculum, train and certify threat assessment officers. A  
220 certified threat assessment officer shall conduct an annual  
221 inspection and threat assessment of each public school in the  
222 state. The threat assessment officer shall develop an improvement  
223 plan for each school inspected. The assessment shall include the  
224 inspection of surveillance equipment and building-specific floor  
225 plans. The findings of the inspection and threat assessment,  
226 including a copy of the improvement plan shall be provided to  
227 local law enforcement agencies and the local school board within  
228 four (4) weeks of completion.

229 **SECTION 5.** Section 37-3-89, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
230 brought forward as follows:

231 37-3-89. The State Board of Education, acting through the  
232 Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification  
233 and Licensure and Development, shall require each educator  
234 preparation program in the state, as a condition for approval, to  
235 include a course or courses on school discipline or classroom  
236 management as a required part of the teacher education program.  
237 All school discipline or classroom management courses offered by a



238 teacher education program shall be approved by the Educator  
239 License Commission.

240 **SECTION 6.** Section 37-3-91, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
241 amended as follows:

242 37-3-91. (1) Subject to the availability of funds  
243 appropriated for such purpose, the State Department of Education  
244 may establish regional behavioral institutes for the purpose of  
245 providing state-of-the-art training to teachers and administrators  
246 in discipline and classroom management strategies and behavioral  
247 health screenings for students.

248 (2) Any school district may volunteer to participate in a  
249 regional behavioral institute. However, the State Department of  
250 Education may require a school district to participate in a  
251 regional behavioral institute if the department determines that  
252 such participation is in the best interest of the school district  
253 based upon:

254 (a) Complaints received and determined by the  
255 department to be valid which relate to disciplinary problems in  
256 the school district;

257 (b) Any visit to the school by representatives of the  
258 department which indicates disciplinary problems in the school  
259 district; or

260 (c) A review of reports submitted by a school district  
261 to the department which indicates disciplinary problems in the  
262 school district.



263           (3) Effective with the 2019-2020 school year, the  
264 Mississippi Department of Mental Health shall develop a  
265 standardized Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to be utilized by  
266 the Mississippi Department of Mental Health certified mental  
267 health providers and mental health facilities in providing mental  
268 health services to local school districts. The MOU shall include  
269 standardized behavioral health screening and referral protocols,  
270 procedures and forms to be utilized by the local school districts.  
271 Any standardized behavioral health screening and referral  
272 protocols shall only be performed on students with the approval of  
273 the student's parent or legal guardian. The Mississippi  
274 Department of Mental Health shall provide online training for  
275 appropriate school personnel to conduct initial behavioral health  
276 screenings of students experiencing or exhibiting behavioral  
277 stress or at risk of harming themselves or others.

278           **SECTION 7.** Section 37-3-82, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
279 amended as follows:

280           37-3-82. (1) There is hereby established the Mississippi  
281 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant  
282 program in the State Department of Education to provide funding,  
283 pursuant to specific appropriation by the Legislature therefor, to  
284 assist law enforcement agencies in providing additional School  
285 Resource Officers to engage in community policing in and around  
286 primary and secondary schools. The MCOPS program shall authorize  
287 the State Department of Education to make grants to increase



288 deployment of law enforcement officers in order (a) to increase or  
289 enhance community policing in this state, (b) that trained, sworn  
290 enforcement officers assigned to schools play an integral part in  
291 the development and/or enhancement of a comprehensive school  
292 safety plan, and (c) that the presence of these officers shall  
293 provide schools with a direct link to local law enforcement  
294 agencies.

295 (2) The MCOPS program shall meet the following requirements  
296 and standards:

297 (a) This program shall provide an incentive for law  
298 enforcement agencies to build collaborative partnerships with the  
299 school community and to use community policing efforts to combat  
300 school violence and implement educational programs to improve  
301 student and school safety.

302 (b) The additional School Resource Officers must devote  
303 at least seventy-five percent (75%) of their time to work in and  
304 around primary and secondary schools, in addition to the time that  
305 School Resource Officers are devoting in the absence of the MCOPS  
306 in Schools grant.

307 (c) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the MCOPS  
308 in Schools program shall provide a \* \* \* minimum state  
309 contribution of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per  
310 officer position over the one-year grant period, to be matched  
311 from local funds on a 50/50 matching basis. Officers paid with  
312 MCOPS funds may be employed by the local law enforcement agency or



313 by the local school district. MCOPS funds may be used to pay for  
314 entry-level salaries and benefits of newly trained additional  
315 School Resource Officers and may be used to pay the salaries and  
316 benefits of School Resource Officers employed prior to July 1,  
317 2013. All jurisdictions that apply must demonstrate that they  
318 have primary law enforcement authority over the school(s)  
319 identified in their application and demonstrate their inability to  
320 implement this project without state assistance. Schools or law  
321 enforcement agencies may not reduce its overall federal, state,  
322 locally funded level of sworn officers (including other School  
323 Resource Officers or other sworn officers assigned to the schools)  
324 as a result of applying for or receiving MCOPS in Schools grant  
325 funding. MCOPS in Schools funding may be used to rehire sworn  
326 officers previously employed who have been laid off for financial  
327 reasons unrelated to the availability of the MCOPS in Schools  
328 grant, but must obtain prior written approval from the State  
329 Department of Education. MCOPS in Schools funding may be used to  
330 train school resource officers. In order to be eligible for such  
331 program, each local school board desiring to participate shall  
332 apply to the State Department of Education by May 31 before the  
333 beginning of the applicable fiscal year on forms provided by the  
334 department. The State Department of Education shall determine by  
335 July 1 of each succeeding year which local school districts have  
336 submitted approved applications for School Resource Officer  
337 funding.



338 ( \* \* \*d) School Resource Officers (SROs) may serve in  
339 a variety of roles, including, but not limited to, that of a law  
340 enforcement officer/safety specialist, law-related educator, and  
341 problem-solver/community liaison. These officers may teach  
342 programs such as crime prevention, substance abuse prevention, and  
343 gang resistance as well as monitor and assist troubled students  
344 through mentoring programs. The School Resource Officer(s) may  
345 also identify physical changes in the environment that may reduce  
346 crime in and around the schools, as well as assist in developing  
347 school policies which address criminal activity and school safety.  
348 The application must also include a Memorandum of Understanding  
349 (MOU), signed by the law enforcement executive and the appropriate  
350 school official(s), to document the roles and responsibilities to  
351 be undertaken by the law enforcement agency and the educational  
352 school partner(s) through this collaborative effort. The  
353 application must also include a Narrative Addendum to document  
354 that the School Resource Officer(s) will be assigned to work in  
355 and around primary or secondary schools and provide supporting  
356 documentation in the following areas: problem identification and  
357 justification, community policing strategies to be used by the  
358 officers, quality and level of commitment to the effort, and the  
359 link to community policing.

360 ( \* \* \*e) All agencies receiving awards through the  
361 MCOPS in Schools program are required to send the School Resource  
362 Officer position(s) funded by this grant, to the Mississippi Law



363 Enforcement Officers' Training Academy where they shall be  
364 required to participate in training through the Advanced Law  
365 Enforcement Rapid Response Training Program at the academy, with  
366 the cost to be defrayed from the MCOPS program. The MCOPS Office  
367 of the State Department of Education will reimburse grantees for  
368 training, per diem, travel, and lodging costs for attendance of  
369 required participants up to a maximum of One Thousand Two Hundred  
370 Dollars (\$1,200.00) per person attending. Applicants receiving an  
371 MCOPS in Schools grant, will receive additional training  
372 information following notification of the grant award. The MCOPS  
373 in Schools training requirement must be completed prior to the end  
374 of twelve-month grant funding for officer positions.

375 (3) The State Department of Education shall promulgate rules  
376 and regulations prescribing procedures for the application,  
377 expenditure requirements and the administration of the Mississippi  
378 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) program  
379 established in this section, and shall make a report on the  
380 implementation of the MCOPS program with any recommendations to  
381 the \* \* \* 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature.

382 **SECTION 8.** Section 95-15-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
383 amended as follows:

384 95-15-1. **Limitation of liability for report of suspicious**  
385 **activity or behavior.** (1) The School Safety Center within the  
386 State Department of Education shall develop and implement a  
387 statewide media campaign to prioritize and raise awareness for the



388 "See Something, Say Something Act" established under this section,  
389 as well as the national campaign established by the United States  
390 Department of Homeland Security, as a measure to encourage good  
391 faith reporting of suspicious activity to law enforcement  
392 agencies. The media campaign shall inform the public of the  
393 protections provided by the law in addition to useful tools,  
394 resources, appropriate local law enforcement agencies and  
395 emergency services contact information, and partnering entities,  
396 including, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, the  
397 Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi  
398 Department of Mental Health. In addition to the media campaign,  
399 the School Safety Center shall also make this information  
400 available on the Internet website of the State Department of  
401 Education.

402 ( \* \* \*2) A person who in good faith makes a report of  
403 suspicious activity or behavior shall be immune from civil and  
404 criminal liability for the making of the report if the report is  
405 based on objectively reasonable suspicion.

406 ( \* \* \*3) For purposes of this section, "report of  
407 suspicious activity or behavior" means any communication to a law  
408 enforcement officer or agency or other appropriate authority of  
409 the behavior or activity of another person if the report is made  
410 with the reasonable belief that the behavior or activity  
411 constitutes or is in furtherance of an act of terrorism.





412 ( \* \* \*4) This section does not apply to the intentional  
413 making of a report known to be false, including a violation of  
414 Section 97-35-47, or to a report made with reckless disregard for  
415 the truth of the report.

416 **SECTION 9.** Section 45-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
417 amended as follows:

418 45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of  
419 Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

420 (2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish the  
421 organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, which  
422 shall include the creation of any units necessary to implement the  
423 duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific  
424 requirements of law including, but not limited to:

- 425 (a) Office of Public Safety Planning;
- 426 (b) Office of Medical Examiner;
- 427 (c) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;
- 428 (d) Office of Forensics Laboratories;
- 429 (e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training  
430 Academy;
- 431 (f) Office of Support Services;
- 432 (g) Office of Narcotics, which shall be known as the  
433 Bureau of Narcotics; and
- 434 (h) Office of Homeland Security.

435 (3) The department shall be headed by a commissioner, who  
436 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.



437 The appointment of the commissioner shall be made with the advice  
438 and consent of the Senate. The commissioner may assign to the  
439 appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed appropriate  
440 to carry out the department's lawful functions.

441 (4) The commissioner of the department shall appoint heads  
442 of offices, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.  
443 The commissioner shall have the authority to organize the offices  
444 established by subsection (2) of this section as deemed  
445 appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department.  
446 The organization charts of the department shall be presented  
447 annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the  
448 Legislature.

449 (5) The commissioner of the department shall appoint, from  
450 within the Department of Public Safety, a statewide safety  
451 training officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the  
452 commissioner and whose duty it shall be to perform public training  
453 for both law enforcement and private persons throughout the state  
454 concerning proper emergency response to the mentally ill,  
455 terroristic threats or acts, domestic conflict, other conflict  
456 resolution, and such other matters as the commissioner may direct.

457 (6) The commissioner of the department shall establish  
458 within the Office of Homeland Security a Mississippi Analysis and  
459 Information Center (MSAIC Fusion Center) which shall be the  
460 highest priority for the allocation of available federal resources  
461 for statewide information sharing, including the deployment of



462 personnel and connectivity with federal data systems. Subject to  
463 appropriation therefor, the Mississippi Fusion Center shall employ  
464 three (3) regional analysts dedicated to analyzing and resolving  
465 potential threats identified by the agency's statewide social  
466 media intelligence platform and the dissemination of school safety  
467 information.

468         **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
469 and after July 1, 2019.

