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SENATE BILL NO. 2050

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST CONVICTED CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS TO COVER THE REASONABLE COSTS OF INVESTIGATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 99-19-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-77. In addition to any criminal penalties or fines, the court may impose an assessment against a defendant convicted of a felony violation investigated by the Office of the Attorney General, the district attorneys, sheriffs, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and municipal police departments which may cover all reasonable costs of the investigation. Costs are to be paid to the appropriate governmental entity incurring the particular item of cost and include, but are not limited to, the cost of investigators, service of process, court reporters, expert witnesses and attorney's fees, and transportation costs expended by the governmental entity in the investigation of such case, and must be used to augment the governmental entity's existing budget and not to supplant it.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2011.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
February 8, 2011



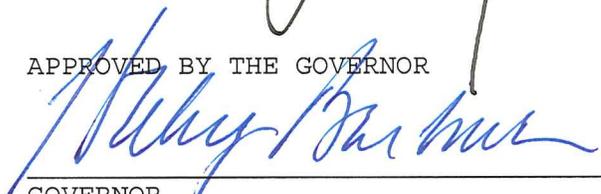
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PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 1, 2011



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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