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## **Governor Musgrove Approves Review of National Guard Role at Mississippi Airports**

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has approved orders for the Mississippi Army National Guard to recommend and identify the expansion of the security role of the Guard at airports around the state.

“We are working with airports around the state to determine the best use of Guard personnel,” Musgrove said. “We take the safety and security of travelers in our airports very seriously, and will do whatever is necessary to ensure they are kept out of harm’s way.”

In a letter to governors across the country, U. S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta authorized governors “additional flexibility” in determining the best use of National Guard personnel in providing security at airports.

The Mississippi National Guard and the seven airports in Mississippi with Guard support are coordinating the efforts to expand the security role, which may include patrols outside airport buildings and additional personnel at security checkpoints.