

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-61-19, the following legislation from the 2021 Regular Legislative Session affect the powers and duties of the Office of the Attorney General:

1. S.B. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

Under S.B. 2121, a person can be sentenced to jail and/or assessed fines if they disclose visual material that depicts another's intimate parts or another engaged in sexual conduct without their consent and with intent to harm. A person also commits an offense if they threaten to disclose this material to obtain some benefit in exchange for not disclosing it.

2. H.B. 974: DPS; revise law regarding

Pursuant to H.B. 974, the Attorney General must designate a law enforcement agency or task force to investigate any incident of a state trooper-involved shooting that results in injury or death occurring in the state.

3. H.B. 1323: Authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

H.B. 1323 authorizes a public body to enter executive session to discuss certain matters related to human trafficking. This legislation applies to the task force created by H.B. 1559 (2020 Reg. Sess.), housed within the Office of the Attorney General.

4. S.B. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature

S.B. 2824 creates the "Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act," which requires entities receiving pass-through funding from line-item appropriations to file an annual report detailing the expenditure of the state money or the intended expenditure of any state money that has not been spent and a final written itemized report when all the state money is spent. The state agency is responsible for timely notifying recipient entities of its obligation to provide written descriptions and itemized reports and must obtain those reports from the entities and provide those documents to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairman of both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and the Governor.

5. H.B. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.

H.B. 70 enacts "Christian's Law" and provides for the confidentiality of all autopsy media records, with limited exceptions.

6. S.B. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount

S.B. 2552 prohibits persons charged with crimes of fraud or embezzlement, while in public office, amounting to or exceeding \$10,000 from participating in pretrial intervention.