

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-61-19, the following legislation from the 2022 Regular Legislative Session affect the powers and duties of the Office of the Attorney General:

**1. H.B. 1509: COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing**

H.B. 1509 prohibits a state agency, public official, state institution of higher learning, public community or junior college, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state from refusing services, health care access or employment opportunities to a person, or otherwise discriminate against a person, based upon his or her COVID-19 vaccination status or possession of a COVID-19 immunity passport.

**2. S.B. 2097: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers**

S.B. 2097 requires the Real Estate Commission to establish a program by July 1, 2022 that allows administrative hearings on certain licensing matters. The program shall consist of administrative hearing officers, who must be employed and designated by the Attorney General, for the purpose of holding hearings, hearing evidence, and rendering decisions on matters determined to be the subject of a hearing for a licensee or any other person charged with a violation or affecting the license of any person coming under its jurisdiction, when the licensee or any other person charged with a violation shall request, in writing, for the matter to be heard by the administrative hearing officer.

**3. S.B. 2246: Electronic search warrants; authorize issuance of in investigations of certain sex offenses against children**

S.B. 2246 authorizes a judge to issue a search warrant, based upon sworn testimony communicated by telephone or other appropriate means, in relation to investigations of computer crimes, as defined in Section 7-5-59(1)(a), involving sex offenses against children who are less than 18 years old.

**4. S.B. 2543: Department of Public Safety; revise provisions related to**

Pursuant to S.B. 2543, the Attorney General shall be exclusively responsible for presenting all officer-involved shootings resulting in injury or death occurring in the state to the appropriate duly empaneled grand jury and, upon indictment by a grand jury, prosecuting such matters. The Attorney General shall designate another law enforcement agency or task force to investigate any incident of a shooting involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation resulting in injury or death occurring in the state.

5. **S.B. 2780: Budget; provide for various transfers; create several special funds, and create Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program**

Pursuant to S.B. 2780, during fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer \$2,500,000.00 from the Capitol Expense Fund to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund at the Attorney General's Office.