

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 20-21, 2013

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

04. Approval of methodology to award Mississippi Community Oriented Policing (MCOPs) grant dollars under Mississippi Senate Bill 2659 to local and county law enforcement agencies or local education agencies with School Resource Officers (SRO) certified in accordance with Section 37-7-321 Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated

Purpose: In accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 2659, there is hereby established the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program in the State Department of Education to provide funding, pursuant to specific appropriation by the Legislature therefore, to assist law enforcement agencies in providing additional School Resource Officers to engage in community policing in and around primary and secondary schools.

Eligibility: All local and county law enforcement agencies or local education agencies with School Resource Officers (SRO) certified in accordance with Section 37-7-321 Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Funding Source: Senate Bill 2659, 2013 Legislative Session

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary and/or Competitive

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

1. Primary grantees will be those without an SRO program.
2. Secondary grantees will be those with an established need to expand an existing program.
3. Tertiary grantees will be those who need multiple grants to cover schools.

Base Allocation:

Each grantee will receive a minimum of \$10,000 that must have a minimum of a \$10,000 match from local or county funding sources. The individual grants are based upon the number of schools within the district to have or will have SROs assigned.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached