

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 21, 2023

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

- Q. Approval of the methodology to award Mississippi Community Oriented Policing in Schools (MCOPS) grant dollars to local and county law enforcement agencies or local education agencies with certified School Resource Officers (SROs) in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-321

Background and Purpose: The MCOPS grant provides assistance to all local educational agencies to improve the safety and security of public schools by providing additional School Resources Officers to engage in community policing in and around primary and secondary schools in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-321.

Eligibility: All local and county law enforcement agencies or local education agencies with SROs certified in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-321.

Funding Source: State Funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants:

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology: Each eligible subgrantee that has priority points will receive a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per officer upon availability of funds. If there are any remaining funds, the eligible applicant will be ranked and awarded to subgrantees based on the highest to lowest student to assigned campus officer ratio until funding is exhausted. A subgrantee is required to provide a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per officer in matching funds from local or county funding sources.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None