

Request – Patrice Sawyer, Clarion-Ledger, 072803

State Agency Head Pay Raise

Has the Governor sent any recommendation to his agency heads regarding accepting their pay raise?

Comment from Lee Ann Mayo

The Governor signed it primarily because it gave a pay raise to district attorneys who are on the frontline fighting drugs and crime everyday in every community.

The State Personnel Board, based on the legislative intent of SB 2794, established guidelines which set salary ranges for agency heads.

Answer to the question – No.

So, you are telling me he has given his agency heads a 10% raise. Answer: The State Personnel Board has established the pay grades for the agency heads.

Does each agency head have the authority to accept the pay raise? Yes. Well I guess that anybody in any situation that's offered a raise has the ability to take it or deny it. (make it global)

We are confident that our agency heads will run their agencies effectively and efficiently.