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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1387  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING  
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN  
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL  
4 YEAR 2022.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including  
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for  
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022,  
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and  
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
16 Division.....\$ 153,453,928.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....



20 .....\$ 76,646,563.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for  
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,  
24 as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi  
25 Code of 1972.....\$ 19,576,109.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the  
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
28 .....\$ 2,053,829,447.00.

29 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
30 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,303,506,047.00.

31 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
32 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special  
33 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or  
34 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following  
35 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
36 June 30, 2022, as follows:

37 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
38 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
39 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
40 Division.....\$ 1,965,301,707.00.

41 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
42 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
43 Division of the State Department of Education.....  
44 .....\$ 21,692,238.00.



45 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
46 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education  
47 Program.....\$ 245,112,197.00.

48 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
49 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,232,106,142.00.

50 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
51 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars  
52 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is  
53 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit  
54 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of  
55 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
56 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing  
57 vision safety services.

58 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
59 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are  
60 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of  
61 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
62 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

63 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the  
64 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for  
65 the following purposes:

66 Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....\$ 6,805,774.00  
67 Educable Child.....\$ 7,000,000.00  
68 Grants to school districts for  
69 capital facilities and buses.....\$ 16,000,000.00



70	Instructional materials.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
71	Students with Special Needs.....	\$ 1,800,000.00
72	Implementing Performance-Based Data	
73	Collection and Accreditation	
74	Model.....	\$ 274,937.00
75	Testing.....	\$ 6,125,670.00
76	Mississippi School for Math and	
77	Science.....	\$ 125,000.00
78	Mississippi School for Fine Arts. ....	\$ 125,000.00
79	Early Learning Collaboratives.....	\$ 8,210,526.00
80	Early Learning Coaches.....	\$ 1,500,000.00
81	Math Coaches.....	\$ 5,000,000.00
82	WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, dual	
83	credit, International Baccalaureate,	
84	Cambridge, diploma	
85	endorsements.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
86	Mississippi Student Information	
87	System.....	\$ 7,649,540.00
88	Vocational Technical Grants.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
89	Mississippi School for the Deaf	
90	and Blind.....	\$ 1,207,037.00
91	TOTAL.....	\$ 83,823,484.00
92	(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the	
93	expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....	
94	.....	\$ 5,637,258.00.



95 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide  
96 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
97 .....\$ 225,112,197.00.

98 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the  
99 following positions are authorized for the State Department of  
100 Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical  
101 Education Division:

102 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

103	Permanent:	Full Time.....	314
104		Part Time.....	3
105	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	162
106		Part Time.....	0

107 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
108 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
109 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not  
110 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless  
111 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022  
112 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by  
113 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
114 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
115 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
116 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the  
117 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,  
118 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise  
119 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If



120 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or  
121 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and  
122 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each  
123 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of  
124 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the  
125 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the  
126 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of  
127 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency  
128 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this  
129 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations  
130 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of  
131 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the  
132 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State  
133 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action  
134 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost  
135 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,  
136 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the  
137 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be  
138 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the  
139 requirements of this provision are met.

140 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
141 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
142 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
143 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
144 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The



145 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
146 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
147 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
148 appropriated level.

149 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
150 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
151 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
152 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

153 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
154 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating  
155 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
156 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

157 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
158 implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff  
159 State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and  
160 ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to  
161 make certain that each person, excluding executive directors,  
162 agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3%  
163 annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate  
164 established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel  
165 Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each  
166 classification.

167 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
168 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
169 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be



170 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
171 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,  
172 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
173 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make  
174 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
175 below:

	FY2022
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
178 Special Education	
179       Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,188
180       Gifted Education teachers (Number of)	805
181       Increase percentage of children with	
182               disabilities in general education early	
183               childhood programs while decreasing the	
184               percentage in self-contained special	
185               education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
186 General Administration	
187       Total Dollars Spent on General	
188               Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
189       Total Budget Spent on General	
190               Administration (%)	18.58
191       Create a public-facing data system for	
192               all stakeholders (%)	100.00
193       Create a user-friendly website for the	
194               public and school districts to access	





195	data to make decisions (%)	100.00
196	Create a roadmap to improve the	
197	Mississippi Student Information System	
198	(%)	100.00
199	Publish research results to support	
200	improved student outcomes and teacher	
201	effectiveness (Number of)	9
202	Graduation & Career Readiness	
203	Increase the percentage of students	
204	graduating from high school ready for	
205	college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
206	Early Childhood Education	
207	Increase percentage of kindergarten	
208	students achieving end-of-year target	
209	score on Kindergarten Readiness	
210	post-test (%)	68.88
211	Increase the percentage of Early	
212	Learning Collaborative sites meeting	
213	required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
214	Increase number of students enrolled in	
215	Title I or locally funded pre-K classes	
216	(Number of)	8,022
217	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
218	Increase the percentage of districts	
219	reporting Professional Growth System	



220	(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders	
221	(%)	80.00
222	Increase the number of licensed, diverse	
223	teachers and leaders (Number of)	31
224	Increase the percentage of teacher	
225	candidates passing licensure exams on	
226	the first attempt (%)	51.08
227	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
228	and non-certified teachers in schools	
229	that are High Poverty (%)	25.00
230	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
231	and non-certified teachers in schools	
232	that are High Minority (%)	24.00
233	Elementary Education	
234	Increase the percentage of students who	
235	pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at	
236	the first administration in each	
237	subgroup (%)	80.00
238	Secondary Education	
239	Increase the number of students	
240	participating in and passing Advanced	
241	Placement (AP), International	
242	Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams	
243	in each subgroup (Number of)	37.00
244	Increase the percentage of students	



245	ready for college as measured by meeting	
246	ACT benchmarks in each content area	
247	(public school class data, grade 11)	
248	(Number of)	11.00
249	Assessment & Development	
250	Increase the percentage of students	
251	proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide	
252	assessments (grades 3-8 and high school	
253	composite) in each subgroup	50.07
254	Decrease the percentage of students	
255	scoring levels 1-3 on statewide	
256	assessments in each subgroup	49.93
257	Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten	
258	students in public schools attaining	
259	kindergarten readiness on the pre-K	
260	end-of-year assessment	72.00
261	School Performance	
262	Increase the percentage of schools rated	
263	"C" or higher	77.00
264	Increase the percentage of districts	
265	rated "C" or higher	72.90
266	Increase the percentage of students	
267	demonstrating growth on statewide ELA	
268	assessments in each subgroup	65.63
269	Increase the percentage of students	



270	demonstrating growth on statewide Math	
271	assessments in each subgroup	64.43
272	Increase the percentage of students	
273	participating in dual credit in each	
274	subgroup	50.00
275	Increase the percentage of students	
276	passing dual credit in each subgroup	98.00
277	Increase the growth of D and F districts	
278	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
279	letter grade and/or increasing the	
280	number of points within a letter grade	76.00
281	Increase the growth of D and F schools	
282	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
283	letter grade and/or increasing the	
284	number of points within a letter grade	70.00
285	Increase the growth of Districts of	
286	Transformation by improving the letter	
287	grade and/or increasing the number of	
288	points within a letter grade	100.00
289	Increase the growth of schools under	
290	Districts of Transformation by improving	
291	the letter grade and/or increasing the	
292	number of points within a letter grade	100.00
293	Decrease the number of high schools	
294	rated D or F	55



295 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
296 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
297 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
298 Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

299 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,  
300 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such  
301 school district has specifically identified the amount of the  
302 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,  
303 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the  
304 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as  
305 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the  
306 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

307 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
308 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from  
309 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement  
310 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of  
311 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for  
312 the School for Math and Science.

313 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
314 this act, the following positions are authorized for the  
315 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
316 Department of Education:

317 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

318	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
319		Part Time.....	0



320           Time-Limited: Full Time.....           5  
321                            Part Time.....           0

322           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
323 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
324 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not  
325 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless  
326 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022  
327 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by  
328 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
329 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
330 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
331 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the  
332 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,  
333 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise  
334 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If  
335 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or  
336 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and  
337 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each  
338 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of  
339 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the  
340 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the  
341 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of  
342 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency  
343 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this  
344 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations



345 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of  
346 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the  
347 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State  
348 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action  
349 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost  
350 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,  
351 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the  
352 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be  
353 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the  
354 requirements of this provision are met.

355 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
356 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
357 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
358 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
359 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
360 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
361 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
362 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
363 appropriated level.

364 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
365 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
366 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
367 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

368 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
369 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating



370 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
371 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

372 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
373 implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff  
374 State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and  
375 ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to  
376 make certain that each person, excluding executive directors,  
377 agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3%  
378 annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate  
379 established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel  
380 Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each  
381 classification.

382 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
383 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred  
384 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of  
385 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in  
386 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess  
387 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

388 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
389 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
390 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in  
391 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
392 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation  
393 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase  
394 soil conservation equipment.





395           **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more  
396 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is  
397 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of  
398 America Center.

399           **SECTION 13.** The State Department of Education shall transfer  
400 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall  
401 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in  
402 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any  
403 improper expenditure, for the following:

404	Detention Centers.....	\$	1,200,000.00.
405	Dubard School.....	\$	627,000.00.
406	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00.
407	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	600,000.00.
408	Stride.....	\$	600,000.00.
409	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$	800,000.00.
410	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	800,000.00.
411	Principal Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
412	Sight Savers.....	\$	300,000.00.
413	Teach for America.....	\$	1,250,000.00.
414	Teacher Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
415	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$	734,000.00.
416	Vision Screening Research.....	\$	225,000.00.
417	Algebra Nation.....	\$	775,000.00.
418	Save the Children.....	\$	125,000.00.
419	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$	212,500.00.



420	T. K. Martin Center.....	\$	25,000.00.
421	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$	200,000.00.
422	Mastery Prep.....	\$	150,000.00.
423	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.....	\$	200,000.00.
424	Total.....	\$	9,448,500.00.

425           **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
426 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
427 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for  
428 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic  
429 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi  
430 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and  
431 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.  
432 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or  
433 College and Career Standards.

434           Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to  
435 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to  
436 the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and  
437 used for computer science programs development and teacher  
438 training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools  
439 for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula,  
440 including both academic and career and technical education  
441 programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working  
442 with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher  
443 Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for  
444 computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018



445 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College  
446 and Career Standards.

447       **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
448 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),  
449 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the  
450 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the  
451 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution  
452 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school  
453 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of  
454 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the  
455 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the  
456 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal  
457 Year 1985.

458       **SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided in this act for the  
459 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as  
460 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the  
461 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2022 shall be Five Thousand Eight  
462 Hundred Seventy-four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$5,874.08).

463       **SECTION 17.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the  
464 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and  
465 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the  
466 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual  
467 increment.

468       **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
469 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and



470 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
471 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
472 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
473 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
474 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the  
475 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
476 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
477 Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and  
478 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

479       **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the  
480 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million  
481 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for  
482 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred  
483 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class  
484 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers  
485 seeking National Board Certification.

486       **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
487 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
488 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
489 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State  
490 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child  
491 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include  
492 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state  
493 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature  
494 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts



495 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the  
496 Office of the Governor.

497         **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
498 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)  
499 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.  
500 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship  
501 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department  
502 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

503         **SECTION 22.** The public school districts of the state are  
504 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred  
505 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the  
506 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired  
507 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
508 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the  
509 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for  
510 this purpose.

511         **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
512 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
513 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
514 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,  
515 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
516 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
517 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
518 made without competitive bids.



519           **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less  
520 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred  
521 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the  
522 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance  
523 Officers.

524           **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
525 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand  
526 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary  
527 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The  
528 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is  
529 provided from the Department of Health.

530           **SECTION 26.** The State Department of Education shall contract  
531 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the  
532 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student  
533 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on  
534 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,  
535 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for  
536 calculating the estimates of these components due to the  
537 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the  
538 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the  
539 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding  
540 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of  
541 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2022.

542           **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
543 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars



544 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be  
545 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

546 **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
547 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for  
548 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
549 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be  
550 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health  
551 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred  
552 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

553 **SECTION 29.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
554 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under  
555 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the  
556 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a  
557 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

558 **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
559 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or  
560 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars  
561 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of  
562 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency  
563 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code  
564 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
565 June 30, 2022. The school districts receiving these loans shall  
566 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the  
567 loan on or before June 30, 2022.



568           **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven  
569 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
570 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2021.

571           **SECTION 32.** Any school district receiving funds through Save  
572 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from  
573 local funds for implementation of the program.

574           **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
575 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi  
576 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant  
577 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)  
578 may be used for training and administrative costs related to  
579 oversight and auditing of the program.

580           **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
581 Section 2(a), Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is provided  
582 for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding  
583 shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year  
584 2022 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
585 (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One  
586 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a  
587 half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section  
588 37-21-51.

589           **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
590 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred  
591 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative  
592 and Assessment.





593           **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is  
594 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion  
595 of the state accountability model.

596           **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
597 Million Six Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars  
598 (\$2,601,918.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the  
599 Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Seven  
600 Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$3,758,733.00) shall be used for the  
601 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the  
602 intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in  
603 Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million  
604 Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars  
605 (\$1,300,959.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10,  
606 2021, and One Million Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred  
607 Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,300,959.00) shall be paid no later than  
608 January 10, 2022. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the  
609 Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each  
610 month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received  
611 by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the  
612 Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the  
613 appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi  
614 School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
615 Science.

616           **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and  
617 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is



618 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified  
619 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of  
620 1972.

621         **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the  
622 following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind  
623 and Deaf: \$9,697,547.00 from Section 1(a), \$1,207,037.00 from  
624 Section 4(a), and \$2,159,725.00 from Section 2(a).

625         **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an  
626 amount not to exceed Fifty-one Million Four Hundred Twenty  
627 Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$51,420,627.00) shall  
628 be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public  
629 school district in the state for an annual salary increase of One  
630 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or One Thousand One Hundred Ten  
631 Dollars (\$1,110.00) as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedule  
632 in House Bill 852, 2021 Regular Session, for each state funded  
633 certified teacher, teacher assistant, reading and librarian aide,  
634 counselor and librarian, excluding non-instructional personnel and  
635 administrators, for the 2021-2022 school year, and school years  
636 thereafter.

637         **SECTION 41.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
638 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund  
639 not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the  
640 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as  
641 authorized in HB 1700, 2020 Regular Session to provide for agency



642 operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
643 June 30, 2022.....\$ 4,700,000.00.

644 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the  
645 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended  
646 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

647 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an  
648 amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Ninety-four  
649 Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$4,594,291.00) is  
650 authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of  
651 Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State  
652 University to fund career and technical curricula, services to  
653 secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

654 **SECTION 43.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid  
655 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
656 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
657 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
658 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
659 officers in the manner provided by law.

660 **SECTION 44.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
661 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year  
662 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),  
663 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of  
664 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

665 **SECTION 45.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
666 and after July 1, 2021.

