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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1600  
(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 2023.

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, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023,  
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.....\$ 343,885,004.00.

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 .....\$ 82,559,501.00.

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.....\$ 18,967,201.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the  
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
28 .....\$ 2,117,035,934.00.

29 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
30 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,562,447,640.00.

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, 2022, and ending  
36 June 30, 2023, 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.....\$ 2,011,437,273.00.

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 .....\$ 22,693,254.00.



45 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
46 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education  
47 Program.....\$ 265,112,197.00.

48 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
49 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,299,242,724.00.

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.....	\$ 25,000,000.00
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.....	\$ 275,000.00
78	Mississippi School for Fine Arts. ....	\$ 475,000.00
79	Early Learning Collaboratives.....	\$ 16,210,526.00
80	Other Early Learning Programs.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
81	Early Learning Coaches.....	\$ 3,251,533.00
82	Math Coaches.....	\$ 5,000,000.00
83	WorkKeys.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
84	Advanced Placement, Dual Credits,	
85	International Baccalaureate,	
86	Cambridge Diploma Endorsements.....	\$ 300,000.00
87	Vocational Technical Grants.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
88	Mississippi School for the Deaf	
89	and Blind.....	\$ 1,357,037.00
90	Educational Facilities Revolving	
91	Loan Fund.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
92	TOTAL.....	\$ 131,875,477.00
93	(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the	
94	expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....	



95 .....\$ 6,637,258.00.

96 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide  
97 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
98 .....\$ 245,112,197.00.

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

103 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

104 Permanent: Full Time..... 368  
105 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 160

106 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
107 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
108 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds  
109 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
110 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi  
111 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
112 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
113 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
114 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
115 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
116 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
117 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the  
118 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023  
119 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions



120 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
121 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

122 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
123 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
124 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
125 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
126 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
127 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
128 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
129 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
130 appropriated level.

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

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

139 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
140 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
141 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
142 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
143 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
144 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.



145           **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 146 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 147 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
 148 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
 149 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,  
 150 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
 151 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make  
 152 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
 153 below:

154		FY2023
155	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
156	Special Education	
157	Number of Special Education Teachers (FTE)	6,188
158	Number of Gifted Education Teachers	805
159	Percent Increase of Children with	
160	Disabilities in General Education Early	
161	Childhood Programs while Decreasing the	
162	Percent in Self-Contained Special	
163	Education Early Childhood Classrooms	76.00
164	General Administration	
165	Total Dollars Spent on General	
166	Administration	26,532,257.00
167	Percent of Total Budget Spent on General	
168	Administration	18.58
169	Create a Public-Facing Data System for	



170	All Stakeholders (%)	100.00
171	Create a User-Friendly Website for the	
172	Public & School Districts to Access Data	
173	to Make Decisions (%)	100.00
174	Create a Roadmap to Improve the	
175	Mississippi Student Information System	
176	(%)	100.00
177	Number of Research Results Published to	
178	Support Improved Student Outcomes &	
179	Teacher Effectiveness	9
180	Graduation & Career Readiness	
181	Percent Increase of Students Graduating	
182	from High School Ready for College or	
183	Career in Each Subgroup	88.00
184	Early Childhood Education	
185	Percent Increase of Kindergarten	
186	Students Achieving End-Of-Year Target	
187	Score on Kindergarten Readiness	
188	Post-Test	68.88
189	Percent Increase of Early Learning	
190	Collaborative Sites Meeting Required	
191	Rate of Readiness	95.00
192	Number of Students Enrolled in Title I	
193	or Locally Funded Pre-K Classes	8,022
194	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	





195	Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
196	Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
197	Are High Poverty (%)	80.00
198	Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
199	Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
200	Are High Minority (%)	31.00
201	Percent Increase of Districts Reporting	
202	Professional Growth System (PGS) Ratings	
203	for Teachers & Leaders	51.08
204	Percent Increase of Teacher Candidates	
205	Passing Licensure Exams on the First	
206	Attempt	25.00
207	Increase the Number of Licensed, Diverse	
208	Teachers & Leaders	24
209	Elementary Education	
210	Percent Increase of Students who Pass	
211	the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment at the	
212	First Administration in Each Subgroup	80.00
213	Secondary Education	
214	Increase the Number of Students	
215	Participating in & Passing Advanced	
216	Placement (AP), International	
217	Baccalaureate (IB) & Cambridge Exams in	
218	Each Subgroup	37.00
219	Percent Increase of Students Ready for	



220	College as Measured by Meeting ACT	
221	Benchmarks in Each	
222	Content Area (Public School Class Data,	
223	Grade 11)	11.00
224	Assessment & Development	
225	Increase the Percent of Students	
226	Proficient (Levels 4-5) on Statewide	
227	Assessments (Grades 3-8 & High School	
228	Composite) in Each Subgroup	50.07
229	Decrease the Percent of Students Scoring	
230	Levels 1-3 on Statewide Assessments in	
231	Each Subgroup	49.93
232	Increase Percent of Pre-Kindergarten	
233	Students in Public Schools Attaining	
234	Kindergarten Readiness on the Pre-K	
235	End-Of-Year Assessment	72.00
236	School Performance	
237	Percent of Schools Rated "C" or Higher	77.00
238	Percent of Districts Rated "C" or Higher	72.90
239	Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	
240	on Statewide ELA Assessments in Each	
241	Subgroup	65.63
242	Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	
243	on Statewide Math Assessments in Each	
244	Subgroup	64.43



245	Percent of Students Participating in	
246	Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	50.00
247	Percent of Students Passing Dual Credit	
248	in Each Subgroup	98.00
249	Increase the Growth of D & F Districts	
250	Demonstrating Growth, by Improving the	
251	Letter Grade	
252	and/or Increasing the Number of Points	
253	within a Letter Grade	76.00
254	Increase the Growth of D & F Schools by	
255	Improving the Letter Grade and/or	
256	Increasing the Number of Points within a	
257	Letter Grade	70.00
258	Increase the Growth of Districts of	
259	Transformation by Improving the Letter	
260	Grade and/or Increasing the Number of	
261	Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
262	Increase the Growth of Schools Under	
263	Districts of Transformation by Improving	
264	the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the	
265	Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
266	Decrease the Number of High Schools	
267	Rated D or F	55
268	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
269	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	



270 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
271 Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

272         **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,  
273 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such  
274 school district has specifically identified the amount of the  
275 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,  
276 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the  
277 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as  
278 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the  
279 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

280         **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
281 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from  
282 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement  
283 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of  
284 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for  
285 the School for Math and Science.

286         **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
287 this act, the following positions are authorized for the  
288 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
289 Department of Education:

290         AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

291	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
292	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5

293         With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
294 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal



295 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds  
296 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
297 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi  
298 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
299 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
300 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
301 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
302 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
303 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
304 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the  
305 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023  
306 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
307 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
308 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

309 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
310 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
311 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
312 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
313 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
314 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
315 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
316 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
317 appropriated level.

318 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
319 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



320 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
321 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

326 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
327 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
328 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
329 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
330 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
331 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

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

338 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
339 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
340 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in  
341 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
342 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation  
343 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase  
344 soil conservation equipment.



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

349           **SECTION 13.** The State Department of Education shall transfer  
350 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall  
351 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in  
352 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any  
353 improper expenditure, for the following:

354	Detention Centers.....	\$	1,275,000.00.
355	Dubard School.....	\$	650,000.00.
356	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00.
357	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	600,000.00.
358	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$	1,100,000.00.
359	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	1,000,000.00.
360	Principal Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
361	Sight Savers.....	\$	375,000.00.
362	Teach for America.....	\$	1,250,000.00.
363	Teacher Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
364	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$	750,000.00.
365	Vision Screening Research.....	\$	225,000.00.
366	Algebra Nation.....	\$	1,100,000.00.
367	Save the Children.....	\$	75,000.00.
368	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$	212,500.00.
369	T. K. Martin Center.....	\$	75,000.00.



370	JumpStart Act.....	\$	250,000.00.
371	Mastery Prep.....	\$	200,000.00.
372	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.....	\$	200,000.00.
373	Arts for All Mississippi.....	\$	40,000.00.
374	Total.....	\$	10,002,500.00.

375           **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
376 the funds provided for Other Early Learning Programs in Section  
377 4(a), Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) is included for the  
378 Mississippi Department of Education to provide grant opportunities  
379 for Other Early Learning Programs through public schools including  
380 other public school preschool programs not participating in Early  
381 Learning Collaboratives.

382           **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
383 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
384 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for  
385 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic  
386 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi  
387 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and  
388 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.  
389 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or  
390 College and Career Standards.

391           Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to  
392 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to  
393 the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and  
394 used for computer science programs development and teacher





395 training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools  
396 for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula,  
397 including both academic and career and technical education  
398 programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working  
399 with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher  
400 Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for  
401 computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018  
402 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College  
403 and Career Standards.

404       **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
405 computer science courses may be taught by certified teacher or for  
406 elementary level classes, computer science courses may be taught  
407 by teachers who are trained by the district in computer science  
408 instruction.

409       **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
410 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),  
411 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the  
412 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the  
413 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution  
414 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school  
415 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of  
416 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the  
417 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the  
418 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal  
419 Year 1985.



420           **SECTION 18.** Of the funds provided in this act for the  
421 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as  
422 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the  
423 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2023 shall be Six Thousand Five  
424 Hundred Thirty-two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$6,532.20).

425           **SECTION 19.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the  
426 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and  
427 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the  
428 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual  
429 increment.

430           **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
431 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and  
432 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
433 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
434 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
435 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
436 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the  
437 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
438 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
439 Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process for each agency and  
440 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

441           **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the  
442 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million  
443 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for  
444 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Seven Hundred



445 Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be used for the World Class  
446 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers  
447 seeking National Board Certification.

448       **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
449 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
450 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
451 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State  
452 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child  
453 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include  
454 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state  
455 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature  
456 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts  
457 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the  
458 Office of the Governor.

459       **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
460 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)  
461 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.  
462 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship  
463 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department  
464 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

465       **SECTION 24.** The public school districts of the state are  
466 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred  
467 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the  
468 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired  
469 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are



470 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the  
471 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for  
472 this purpose.

473         **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
474 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
475 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
476 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,  
477 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
478 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
479 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
480 made without competitive bids.

481         **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less  
482 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred  
483 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the  
484 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance  
485 Officers.

486         **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
487 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand  
488 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary  
489 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The  
490 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is  
491 provided from the Department of Health.

492         **SECTION 28.** The State Department of Education shall contract  
493 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the  
494 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student



495 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on  
496 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,  
497 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for  
498 calculating the estimates of these components due to the  
499 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the  
500 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the  
501 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding  
502 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of  
503 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2023.

504       **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
505 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for  
506 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
507 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be  
508 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health  
509 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred  
510 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

511       **SECTION 30.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
512 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under  
513 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the  
514 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a  
515 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

516       **SECTION 31.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
517 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or  
518 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars  
519 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of



520 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency  
521 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code  
522 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
523 June 30, 2023. The school districts receiving these loans shall  
524 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the  
525 loan on or before June 30, 2023.

526 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven  
527 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
528 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2022.

529 **SECTION 33.** Any school district receiving funds through Save  
530 the Children may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local  
531 funds for implementation of the program.

532 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
533 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi  
534 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant  
535 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)  
536 may be used for training and administrative costs related to  
537 oversight and auditing of the program.

538 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
539 Section 2(a), Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00) is  
540 provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The  
541 funding shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in  
542 Fiscal Year 2023 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five  
543 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and  
544 no less than One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00)



545 per student in a half-day program. Funds must be matched as  
546 provided by Section 37-21-51.

547 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
548 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred  
549 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative  
550 and Assessment.

551 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is  
552 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion  
553 of the state accountability model.

554 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
555 Million Six Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Eighty-nine Dollars  
556 (\$2,687,089.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the  
557 Arts and Three Million Nine Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Three  
558 Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$3,933,383.00) shall be used for the  
559 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the  
560 intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in  
561 Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts, One Million  
562 Three Hundred Forty-three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-four Dollars  
563 (\$1,343,544.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10,  
564 2022, and One Million Three Hundred Forty-three Thousand Five  
565 Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$1,343,545.00) shall be paid no later  
566 than January 10, 2023. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a)  
567 for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school  
568 each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was  
569 received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of



570 the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce  
571 the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi  
572 School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
573 Science.

574       **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and  
575 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is  
576 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified  
577 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of  
578 1972.

579       **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the  
580 following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind  
581 and Deaf: Ten Million Thirty Thousand Sixty-seven Dollars  
582 (\$10,030,067.00) from Section 1(a), One Million Three Hundred  
583 Fifty-seven Thousand Thirty-seven Dollars (\$1,357,037.00) from  
584 Section 4(a), and Two Million Three Hundred Nine Thousand Seven  
585 Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,309,725.00) from Section 2(a).

586       **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
587 not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Four  
588 Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,680,414.00) is authorized to fully  
589 fund the contract between the Department of Education and the  
590 Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund  
591 career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and  
592 career and technical assessments.

593       **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
594 1(b), an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Forty-five Million





595 Seventy-five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars  
596 (\$245,075,259.00) shall be allocated for the purpose of providing  
597 funds to each public school district in the state as prescribed in  
598 the Minimum Salary Schedules in Section 37-19-7 and 37-21-7,  
599 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 2022-2023 school year, and  
600 school years thereafter.

601       **SECTION 43.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
602 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund  
603 not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the  
604 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as  
605 authorized in HB 1387, 2021 Regular Session to provide for agency  
606 operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
607 June 30, 2023.....\$ 2,350,000.00.

608       Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the  
609 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended  
610 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

611       **SECTION 44.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
612 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education  
613 Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of  
614 Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of  
615 Education Enhancement Fund, as authorized in HB 1387, 2021 Regular  
616 Session, to provide upgrades for the Mississippi Student  
617 Information System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and  
618 ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 5,100,000.00.



619 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the  
620 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended  
621 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

622 **SECTION 45.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid  
623 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
624 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
625 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
626 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
627 officers in the manner provided by law.

628 **SECTION 46.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
629 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year  
630 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),  
631 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of  
632 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

633 **SECTION 47.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
634 and after July 1, 2022.

