

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT ALL STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS AND
2 INSTITUTIONS SUBMITTING BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 AND
3 EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO DEVELOP THOSE BUDGET REQUESTS
4 PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
5 BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO DEVELOP BUDGET
6 RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; TO REQUIRE THAT
7 EACH APPROPRIATION BILL ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE BE DETERMINED
8 PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. Each state agency, department or institution that
11 is required to submit a budget request for fiscal year 2001 and
12 for each subsequent fiscal year shall develop the request pursuant
13 to zero-based budgeting to the extent that each budgetary unit
14 shall:

15 (a) Upon identifying the component programs and
16 describing the activities conducted by each program, specify the
17 legal basis for each program of the budgetary unit to conduct each
18 activity described;

19 (b) Itemize in detail by object of expenditure the
20 budgetary requirements for conducting the activities of each
21 program for the prior fiscal year actual expenditures, current
22 fiscal year estimated expenditures and budget fiscal year
23 projected expenditures by starting with a base of zero dollars and
24 adding dollar amounts for activities conducted in the prior fiscal
25 year, deemed appropriate in the current fiscal year and requested
26 in the budget fiscal year;

27 (c) Identify and itemize in detail by object of
28 expenditure the changes in the budgetary requirements for
29 conducting the activities of each program between the prior fiscal

year actual expenditures and the current fiscal year estimated expenditures, and between the current fiscal year estimated expenditures and the budget fiscal year projected expenditures;

(d) Develop a narrative for each program justifying each line-item of the itemized budgetary requirements for conducting the activities of the program for the prior fiscal year actual expenditures, and justifying each line-item of the itemized changes in the budgetary requirements for conducting the activities of the program between the prior fiscal year actual expenditures and the current fiscal year estimated expenditures, and between the current fiscal year estimated expenditures and the budget fiscal year projected expenditures.

SECTION 2. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Governor's Office shall review and evaluate only those budget requests developed as prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (d) of Section 1, and develop budget recommendations to the Legislature starting with a base of zero dollars for each program in each budgetary unit and adding dollars as necessary for actual expenditures on activities approved in the prior fiscal year, and adding or reducing dollars as necessary for estimated changes in expenditures approved for the current fiscal year, and adding or reducing dollars as necessary for recommended changes in the expenditures deemed appropriate for the budget fiscal year.

SECTION 3. The Legislature shall determine each appropriation for fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent fiscal year for expenditure by any state agency, department or institution by starting with a base of zero dollars for each program in each budgetary unit and adding dollars as necessary for actual expenditures on activities approved in the prior fiscal year, and adding or reducing dollars as necessary for estimated changes in expenditures approved for the current fiscal year, and adding or reducing dollars as necessary for changes in expenditures deemed appropriate for the budget fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1999.