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To: Public Buildings,
Grounds and Lands;
AppropriationsHOUSE BILL NO. 1236
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY
2 ENTITLED THE "1999 MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION
3 (MESC) BUILDING FUND"; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF A SUM NOT TO
4 EXCEED \$9,000,000.00 FROM MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUNDS TO
5 THE SPECIAL FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PLACED IN THE SPECIAL
6 FUND WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTING A
7 NEW OFFICE FACILITY FOR THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
8 COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MESC BUILDING FUND MAY ALSO BE
9 USED TO PURCHASE LAND FOR THE NEW OFFICE FACILITY IN THE EVENT
10 THAT APPROPRIATE STATE-OWNED LAND CANNOT BE OBTAINED; TO PROVIDE
11 THAT THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION MAY OBTAIN THE
12 LAND UPON WHICH THE NEW FACILITY IS BUILT BY ANY MANNER ALLOWED
13 UNDER THE LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MAY
14 DONATE, TRANSFER OR CONVEY BY ANY OTHER MEANS, LAND TO THE
15 MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION FOR RELOCATION
16 PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 SECTION 1. (1) A special fund, to be designated as the
19 "1999 Mississippi Employment Security Commission Building Fund,"
20 is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be
21 maintained by the State Treasurer separate and apart from the
22 General Fund of the state, and investment earnings on amounts in
23 the fund shall be deposited into such fund. The State Fiscal
24 Officer shall transfer a sum not to exceed Nine Million Dollars
25 (\$9,000,000.00) to this special fund from the following funds:

26 (a) The Mississippi Employment Security Administration
27 Fund, Number 3671;

28 (b) The Mississippi Employment Security Special
29 Administration Fund, Number 3672; and

30 (c) The Mississippi Employment Security Buildings and
31 Land Fund, Number 3673.

32 The transfer shall be made on the dates and in the amounts as
33 determined by the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

34 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
35 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest
36 earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of
37 the fund.

38 (2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed in the
39 discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration to pay
40 the costs of the following:

41 (a) Planning and constructing a new office facility for
42 the Mississippi Security Employment Commission to be located
43 within the city limits of Jackson, Mississippi.

44 (b) Providing for moving costs, reestablishment of
45 computer networks, communication and other necessary expenses
46 associated with the relocation of the Mississippi Employment
47 Security Commission.

48 (c) Purchasing privately owned land in the event that
49 appropriate state-owned land cannot be obtained.

50 (3) Money deposited into the special fund shall not exceed
51 the total amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00).

52 (4) Amounts deposited in the special fund shall be disbursed
53 to pay the costs of the projects described in this section. The
54 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be
55 under the direction of the Department of Finance and
56 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State
57 Treasurer upon warrants issued upon requisitions signed by the
58 State Fiscal Officer.

59 SECTION 2. (1) The Mississippi Employment Security
60 Commission may obtain the land upon which the new office facility
61 will be constructed by any means allowed under the law, including
62 but not limited to, the following means:

63 (a) Purchasing privately owned land;

64 (b) Receiving, by grant or other type of conveyance,
65 state-owned land which is available and suitable for construction
66 and which adequately meets the needs of the Mississippi Employment
67 Security Commission;

68 (c) Exchanging the Mississippi Employment Security
69 Commission's current headquarters building located at 1520 West
70 Capitol Street in Jackson, Mississippi, for other suitable state

71 or privately owned property;

72 (d) Receiving land by gift or donation;

73 (e) Obtaining land through a lease-purchase

74 arrangement; or

75 (f) Receiving land by any other means legally

76 applicable.

77 (2) The State of Mississippi may donate, transfer, exchange

78 or convey by any other means, land to the Mississippi Employment

79 Security Commission for relocation purposes.

80 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from

81 and after July 1, 1999.