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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1629
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
3 YEAR 2000.

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

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$

10 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
12 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts
13 Commission which is comprised of special source funds and
14 donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission,
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for
16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.
17 \$ 923,042.00.

18 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
19 Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth below
20 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
21 expenditure:

22 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

23 Personal Services:

24	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	521,455.00
25	Travel and Subsistence.....		22,109.00
26	Contractual Services.....		235,130.00

27	Commodities.....	71,800.00
28	Capital Outlay:	
29	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
30	Equipment.....	11,000.00
31	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>1,841,741.00</u>
32	Total.....	\$ 2,703,235.00

33 FUNDING:

34	General Funds.....	\$ 1,780,193.00
35	Special Funds.....	<u>923,042.00</u>
36	Total.....	\$ 2,703,235.00

37 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

38	Permanent: Full Time.	11
39	Part Time.	0
40	Time-Limited: Full Time.	1
41	Part Time.	0

42 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
43 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
44 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
45 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
46 conditions placed on such expenditures:

47 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
48 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
49 appropriated herein.

50 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
51 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
52 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
53 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
54 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
55 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
56 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

57 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
58 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
59 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any

60 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
61 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
62 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
63 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
64 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
65 effective the date of the rating.

66 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
67 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
68 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
69 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
70 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Any transfers or
71 escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions
72 and procedures established by law.

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

77 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
78 Section 2, funds in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand
79 Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be derived from the Education
80 Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,
81 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

82 Training of educators and promotion
83 of arts programs in public schools . . . \$100,000.00
84 Miscellaneous grants and programs . . . \$350,000.00

85 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
86 Arts Commission shall have the authority to transfer dollars
87 appropriated in the major object of expenditure "Subsidies, Loans
88 and Grants," designated for the "Challenge Program," specific
89 amounts to a special fund in the State Treasury called the Arts
90 Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The unexpended amounts
91 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse
92 into the State General Fund and may be expended by the commission

93 in subsequent fiscal years upon appropriation of the Legislature.
94 Any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited to the credit
95 of the fund and may be disbursed by the commission upon
96 appropriations of the Legislature. It is the intention of the
97 Legislature that the commission may award grants to arts
98 organizations from monies in the fund and the grantees will be
99 required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of
100 not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

101 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
102 Mississippi Arts Commission shall have the authority to escalate
103 its budget and expend funds from any source available not to
104 exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), that may become
105 available to the Commission in accordance with the rules and
106 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
107 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

108 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
109 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
110 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
111 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
112 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
113 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

114 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from
115 and after July 1, 1999.