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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1636  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, THE VOCATIONAL AND  
3 TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
4 AND THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFORM MILLAGE ASSISTANCE  
5 GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and  
11 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
12 Division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending  
13 June 30, 2000..... \$ 82,677,955.00.

14 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
15 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
16 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department  
17 of Education which is comprised of special source funds collected  
18 by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of  
19 defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year  
20 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....  
21 ..... \$ 594,769,086.00.

22 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
23 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
24 Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, created  
25 under House Bill No. 519, 1999 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
26 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education for  
27 the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing vision safety

28 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending  
29 June 30, 2000..... \$ 250,000.00.

30 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
31 Section 12 and Section 3, the following positions are authorized:

32 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

33	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	500
34		Part Time. . . . .	3
35	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	65
36		Part Time. . . . .	1

37 From the funds provided herein, funds may be expended for the  
38 following purposes, in compliance with the policies established by  
39 the State Personnel Board and any conditions placed on such  
40 expenditures:

41 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
42 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
43 appropriated herein.

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

51 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end  
52 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall  
53 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
54 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
55 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
56 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
57 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
58 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
59 effective the date of the rating.

60 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
61 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
62 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
63 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
64 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

65 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
66 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

71 The State Department of Education shall prepare and present  
72 to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of  
73 Finance and Administration and make available to the Legislature  
74 an accounting of program expenditures for all programs once at the  
75 beginning of the legislative session and once at the end of the  
76 fiscal year. The department at the same time shall present a  
77 summary report for each program.

78 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2,  
79 Forty-eight Million Six Hundred Thirty-six Thousand Four Hundred  
80 Sixty-seven Dollars (\$48,636,467.00) shall be derived from the  
81 School Ad Valorem Reduction Fund and Sixty Million Nine Hundred  
82 Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars  
83 (\$60,928,598.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement  
84 Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,  
85 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following purposes:

86	School Ad Valorem Reduction .....	\$	48,636,467.00
87	Grants to school districts for capital		
88	facilities and buses .....	\$	16,000,000.00
89	Instructional Materials .....	\$	18,616,745.00
90	Purchasing textbooks and other		
91	educational materials, but not to		
92	include more than Two Million		
93	Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for technology		
94	enhancement projects for elementary		
95	and secondary education programs .....	\$	16,175,840.00
96	Implementing Performance Based Data		
97	Collection and Accreditation Model .....	\$	292,232.00

98	Administrator Training.....	\$	128,266.00
99	Adequate Education Program.....	\$	9,378,126.00
100	World Class Teacher Program.....	\$	125,000.00
101	Mississippi School Boards Association		
102	Continuing Training .....	\$	50,000.00
103	School Board Training .....	\$	62,389.00
104	Education Technology Council .....	\$	<u>100,000.00</u>
105	TOTAL .....	\$	109,565,065.00

106 No school district shall expend any funds, received under the  
107 School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has  
108 specifically identified the amount of said grant within the  
109 published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code  
110 of 1972. The published budget shall include the following  
111 statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as a result  
112 of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi  
113 Legislature in 1992."

114 SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2,  
115 Forty-three Million Five Hundred Forty-eight Thousand Thirty-nine  
116 Dollars (\$43,548,039.00) shall be derived from Education  
117 Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1),  
118 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following purposes:

119	Reading Initiative.....	\$	1,312,413.00
120	Master Teacher Assessment.....	\$	3,824,733.00
121	Wildlife Museum.....	\$	450,000.00
122	Regional HUB Connection.....	\$	150,000.00
123	Salary supplement for speech		
124	pathologists.....	\$	1,043,100.00
125	Adequate Education Program.....	\$	18,486,456.00
126	Teacher Shortage Initiative.....	\$	2,409,360.00
127	National Guard Youth Challenge .....	\$	2,086,683.00
128	Network Backbone.....	\$	650,000.00
129	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	300,000.00
130	Regional Technical Support.....	\$	250,000.00

131	Technology in Classroom.....\$	380,000.00
132	World Class Teacher Program.....\$	500,000.00
133	Tech Prep Bond Debt.....\$	3,214,425.00
134	Salary supplement for school	
135	counselors.....\$	143,264.00
136	Fringe benefits for National Board	
137	Certification.....\$	347,733.00
138	MSU Institute for Educational Design...\$	100,000.00
139	Teacher Leader Model.....\$	100,000.00
140	Greater Columbus Early Learning Center..\$	127,000.00
141	Assistant Teacher Training Program.....\$	150,000.00
142	Idea Program.....\$	376,952.00
143	Tech Prep Equipment Upgrade.....\$	3,570,000.00
144	Family Resource Centers.....\$	1,400,000.00
145	Travel and Tourism.....\$	125,000.00
146	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.....\$	156,920.00
147	Jobs for Mississippi Graduates.....\$	250,000.00
148	Statewide Testing Contract.....\$	<u>1,644,000.00</u>
149	TOTAL .....	43,548,039.00

150 SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three  
151 Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,400,000.00) shall be  
152 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203.

153 SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
154 Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Five Hundred One  
155 Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$1,501,726.00) shall  
156 come from income derived from the principal of the Education  
157 Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi  
158 Constitution of 1890, and One Million Five Hundred One Thousand  
159 Seven Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$1,501,726.00) shall be used for  
160 the School for Math and Science.

161 SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
162 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
163 the Legislature that the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2 shall

164 be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
 165 achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding  
 166 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the  
 167 targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY00
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
170 General Education Programs/HB4	
171 Administration	
172     Special Education	
173         Approved teacher unit funding (units)	4,100
174         Approved education child placements (children)	905
175     Child Nutrition	
176         Number of meals required (millions)	127
177         Cost per meal (dollars)	2.07
178     Special Projects	
179         Building projects approved (projects)	90
180         Project approval rate (percent)	95
181     School for Math and Science	
182         Students enrolled (persons)	270
183         Cost per student (dollars)	14,166.00
184     Educational Accountability	
185         Performance accreditation visits (visits)	70
186         Tests administered (persons)	435,000
187         Compliance reviews (actions)	70
188     Educational Training and Development	
189         Administrators trained (persons)	1,440
190         Percentage of administrators trained (percent)	68
191         Technical assistance to school districts	
192             (percent)	100%
193     Compensatory Education	
194         Title I projects awarded (programs)	152
195         Review delinquent programs (programs)	2
196         Average expenditure per child (dollars)	542.00

197 Community and Outreach Services

198 Requested available federal funding

199 (percent) 100%

200 Educational Technology

201 Tech Prep Sites Implemented (sites) 116

202 Tech Prep funds allocated (millions) 0

203 Mississippi Teacher Center

204 Teachers recruited in shortage areas (number) 450

205 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets

206 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the

207 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget

208 Committee for Fiscal Year 2001.

209 SECTION 10. In addition to any other funds herein

210 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be

211 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State

212 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of

213 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education

214 Division of the State Department of Education for the fiscal year

215 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....

216 ..... \$ 65,624,522.00.

217 SECTION 11. In addition to any other funds herein

218 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be

219 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special

220 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Vocational and

221 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

222 which is comprised of special source funds collected by or

223 otherwise available to the division, for the purpose of defraying

224 the expenses of the division for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

225 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 25,308,328.00.

226 SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions

227 of Sections 10 and 11, the following positions are authorized:

228 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

229 Permanent: Full Time. . . . . 74

230	Part Time. . . . .	0
231	Time-Limited: Full Time. . . . .	0
232	Part Time. . . . .	0

233 From the funds provided herein, funds may be expended for the  
234 following purposes, in compliance with the policies established by  
235 the State Personnel Board and any conditions placed on such  
236 expenditures:

237 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
238 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
239 appropriated herein.

240 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
241 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
242 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
243 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
244 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
245 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
246 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

247 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end  
248 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall  
249 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
250 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
251 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
252 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
253 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
254 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
255 effective the date of the rating.

256 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
257 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
258 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
259 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
260 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

261 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
262 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.



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

267 SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
268 of Sections 10 and 11, an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Nine  
269 Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$509,684.00) is  
270 authorized for the support of Vocational and Technical Education  
271 Programs as authorized in Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of  
272 1972, for a period in excess of ten (10) months in a calendar  
273 year.

274 SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
275 of Section 11, Seven Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand  
276 Seven Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$7,863,746.00) shall be derived  
277 from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
278 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

279 SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
280 of Section 11, One Million Eight Hundred Sixty-five Thousand  
281 Forty-five Dollars (\$1,865,045.00) shall be derived from Education  
282 Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1),  
283 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following purposes:

284	New Technology Training.....	\$ 315,000.00
285	Vocational Agricultural Support.....	\$ 1,550,045.00
286	TOTAL.....	\$ 1,865,045.00

287 SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
288 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
289 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in  
290 Section 10, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars  
291 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation  
292 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase  
293 soil conservation equipment.

294 SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 10 and 11,  
295 no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is

296 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of  
297 America Center.

298 SECTION 18. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
299 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
300 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
301 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
302 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
303 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
304 performance measures provided below:

	FY00
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Vocational and Technical Education	
Vocational - Secondary Programs	
Increase in students served (%)	10
LEAs served (sites)	152
Vocational - Post Secondary Programs	
Short-term students served (persons)	12,500
Short-term cost per student (dollars)	113

314 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
315 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
316 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
317 Committee for Fiscal Year 2001.

318 SECTION 19. In addition to any other funds herein  
319 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
320 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
321 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department  
322 of Education, for the purpose of providing funding for the  
323 Mississippi School District Uniform Millage Assistance Grant  
324 Program, the Second Level Funding Program and the Emergency Fund  
325 Loss Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
326 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 21,400,000.00.

327 SECTION 20. In addition to all other sums herein  
328 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be

329 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
330 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
331 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated, to  
332 the State Department of Education, for the purpose of providing  
333 funding for the Uniform Millage Assistance Grant Program, the  
334 Second Level Funding Program and the Emergency Loss Assistance  
335 Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending  
336 June 30, 2000..... \$ 16,001,489.00.

337 SECTION 21. With respect to agency programs whose operation  
338 is dependent on the receipt of federal funds, it is the intent of  
339 the Legislature, except as hereinafter provided, that no funds  
340 from the State General Fund be expended to administer, support or  
341 in any way continue such programs should federal funds for their  
342 operation be reduced or become unavailable and that no funds from  
343 the State General Fund available for expenditure under this act  
344 shall be used to replace federal funds in any major object of  
345 expenditure.

346 SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
347 State Department of Education and Vocational and Technical  
348 Education Division shall maintain complete accounting and  
349 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
350 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
351 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
352 1999. The Department of Finance and Administration shall insure  
353 that financial controls comparable to those utilized for Fiscal  
354 Year 1999 are maintained throughout Fiscal Year 2000 for this  
355 agency. The State Personnel Board shall insure that personnel  
356 controls and records comparable to those utilized for Fiscal Year  
357 1999 are maintained throughout Fiscal Year 2000 for this agency.  
358 It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's  
359 budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be submitted to the  
360 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
361 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the

362 Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

363 SECTION 23. Any school district receiving conservatorship  
364 assistance from the State Department of Education shall pay for  
365 any additional assistance as determined by the State Department of  
366 Education from any source funds available.

367 SECTION 24. Should revenues generated and deposited to the  
368 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1),  
369 Mississippi Code of 1972, and apportioned pursuant to Section  
370 37-61-33 (6), Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds  
371 appropriated herein from said source, the State Department of  
372 Education shall notify the Department of Finance and  
373 Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced to insure  
374 expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

375 SECTION 25. Of the funds provided in Section 1 for the  
376 purpose of providing financial assistance for the education of  
377 exceptional children as determined under Section 37-23-63,  
378 Mississippi Code of 1972, children who are certified by the  
379 designated authority as requiring inpatient care in a private  
380 intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded or  
381 psychiatric residential treatment facility, with Medicaid  
382 reimbursement, shall be eligible and entitled to receive state  
383 financial assistance under the provisions of Section 37-23-69, in  
384 an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from  
385 state funds, per child per school year, if an approved private  
386 school is operated as an integral part of the facility which  
387 provides twenty-four (24) hours a day monitoring, treatment and  
388 education, except that the State Department of Education is  
389 authorized to pilot a fee-for-service based cost system for  
390 children served through Millcreek Schools, Inc.

391 SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
392 of Sections 1 and 2, the amount of Eighty-eight Million Eight  
393 Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four Dollars  
394 (\$88,817,684.00) shall be derived from the Interim School District

395 Capital Expenditure Fund for the benefit of the school districts  
396 as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2649, 1997 Regular Session.

397 SECTION 27. Of the funds provided in Section 1, Six Hundred  
398 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used to provide for a  
399 Director of School Nurses in the State Department of Education and  
400 the implementation of three (3) pilot projects for a variety of  
401 school health programs in an elementary school setting.  
402 Evaluations shall be developed to determine the program's effect  
403 to drop-out rates, suspensions, expulsions, attendance and test  
404 scores.

405 Income generated by the school-based clinics shall remain  
406 available for expenditure by the programs utilizing any special  
407 fund authority provided in Section 2 for use by the State  
408 Department of Education and the pilots shall remain the same as in  
409 Fiscal Year 1999.

410 SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
411 State Department of Education shall have the authority to accept,  
412 budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Thirty Million  
413 Dollars (\$30,000,000.00), that become available to the department  
414 to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner consistent  
415 with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
416 Administration.

417 SECTION 29. Funds are provided in this act for the  
418 reallocation of eighteen (18) positions for an amount not to  
419 exceed Fifty-eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-two Dollars  
420 (\$58,352.00). The eighteen (18) positions are as follows:

421	<u>PIN</u>	<u>Current Job Title</u>		<u>Requested Job Title</u>
422	4	Accountant/Auditor	to	Branch Director I
423	6	Accountant/Auditor	to	Branch Director I
424	196	Educ-Budget Officer	to	Division Director II
425	238	DP-Data Entry Operat I	to	DP-Data Entry Operat II
426	469	Division Director I	to	Senior Business Syst
427	492	Secretary	to	Secretary Principal

428           628   Education Specialist Sr. to    Division Director I  
 429           2989   DP-Computer Operator II to    Projects Officer III  
 430           247   Projects Officer IV Special to Division Director I  
 431           41    Educ-Voc-Tech Ed Pro I    to    Educ-Voc-Tec Ed Pro II  
 432           48    Secretary                   to    Secretary Principal  
 433           50    Secretary                   to    Secretary Principal  
 434           54    Secretary                   to    Secretary Principal  
 435           64    Secretary Executive       to    Projects Officer I,S  
 436           81    Education Specialist       to    Education Specialist Sr.  
 437           90    Division Director I       to    Division Director II  
 438           115   Educ-Voc-Tech Ed Pro       to    Education Specialist  
 439           117   Educ-Voc-Tech Ed Pro       to    Division Director I

440           SECTION 30. The State Department of Education shall transfer  
 441 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall  
 442 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in  
 443 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any  
 444 improper expenditure. For the following: National Guard Youth  
 445 Challenge Program, MSU Capital Improvements Project, World Class  
 446 Teacher Programs, Writing and Thinking Institute, USM Special  
 447 Education Program, Soil and Water Conservation Commission,  
 448 Mississippi School Boards Association and Department of Wildlife,  
 449 Fisheries and Parks, Mississippi Eye Screening Program and Very  
 450 Special Arts.

451           SECTION 31. With the funds provided herein, it is the  
 452 intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Three  
 453 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) may be transferred to the Minimum  
 454 Program budget.

455           SECTION 32. With the funds provided herein, it is the  
 456 intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Two  
 457 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) may be transferred to the  
 458 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of providing  
 459 certain scholarships for the Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage  
 460 Fund as authorized in House Bill No. 609, 1998 Regular Session.

461 SECTION 33. With the funds provided herein, the State  
462 Department of Education shall conduct a study of the Hispanic  
463 school-age population in the state to include number, age,  
464 location, an assessment of needs relative to limited English  
465 speaking abilities and other related information. The study shall  
466 be provided to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2000.

467 SECTION 34. Of the funds provided in Section 2, an amount  
468 not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall  
469 be transferred from Funds 3931, 390G and 4900, the Central High  
470 School Capital Improvement Funds, to the credit of Project 352-012  
471 to Fund 3203, the Technology in the Classroom Fund, for  
472 expenditure by the State Department of Education.

473 SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 10 and 11,  
474 the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
475 Department of Education shall use One Million Seven Hundred  
476 Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) to expand the  
477 Partners-in-Education Construction Initiative Program to all  
478 vocational education centers in the state, using the same  
479 curriculum and program as developed and piloted by the Department  
480 of Education and the Mississippi Construction Education  
481 Foundation.

482 SECTION 36. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
483 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
484 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
485 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
486 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
487 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

488 SECTION 37. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
489 and after July 1, 1999.