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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1638  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 EDUCATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE MINIMUM EDUCATION PROGRAM AND FOR THE  
4 EDUCATION OF HOSPITALIZED AND EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN FOR THE FISCAL  
5 YEAR 2000.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department  
10 of Education for the support and maintenance of the common schools  
11 of Mississippi and for the Minimum Education Program for the  
12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, as  
13 follows:

14	For the support and maintenance	
15	of the common schools	
16	(Common School Fund).....	\$ 5,000,000.00
17	An additional sum, to be known as	
18	the Minimum Education Program Fund,	
19	to be disbursed by the State Department	
20	of Education in compliance with the laws	
21	enacted at the Extraordinary Session	
22	of 1953, as amended.....	<u>\$1,129,061,475.00</u>
23	Total.....	\$1,134,061,475.00

24 SECTION 2. In addition to all other sums heretofore  
25 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
26 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
27 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department

28 of Education for the support and maintenance of the common schools  
 29 of Mississippi and for the Minimum Education Program, for the  
 30 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds,  
 31 as provided in Section 37-19-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
 32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....  
 33 ..... \$ 700,000.00.

34 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the  
 35 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended  
 36 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 1999.

37 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 38 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Education Enhancement  
 39 Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code  
 40 of 1972, to the State Department of Education for the purpose of  
 41 providing Fourteen Million Seven Hundred Seventy-two Thousand  
 42 Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$14,772,820.00) for transportation,  
 43 Five Million Seven Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred  
 44 Thirty-one Dollars (\$5,734,831.00) for teacher assistants,  
 45 Twenty-six Million Seven Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Eight  
 46 Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$26,771,869.00) for public school  
 47 employee health insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 48 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 47,279,520.00.

49 SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 50 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Education Enhancement  
 51 Fund and deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1), Mississippi  
 52 Code of 1972, for the public school employee health insurance for  
 53 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.  
 54 ..... \$ 21,854,203.00.

55 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated to the Minimum  
 56 Education Program Fund under the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3  
 57 and 4, the estimated amount that shall be expended in each of the  
 58 following elements of the Minimum Education Program shall be:

59	District Administration:	Salaries.....	\$ 2,893,978.00
60		Fringe Benefits.....	460,143.00
61	Local Administration:	Salaries.....	1,796,090.00
62		Fringe Benefits.....	285,578.00
63	Teacher Compensation:		
64	Regular Units:	Salaries.....	574,594,090.00

65		Fringe Benefits.....	91,358,090.00
66	Special Education Units:	Salaries.....	122,274,300.00
67		Fringe Benefits.....	19,441,614.00
68	Gifted Education Units:	Salaries.....	21,923,380.00
69		Fringe	
70	Benefits.....	3,485,817.00	
71	Vocational Units:	Salaries.....	31,487,940.00
72		Fringe Benefits.....	5,006,582.00
73	Teacher Assistants:	Salaries.....	45,350,000.00
74		Fringe Benefits.....	7,210,650.00
75	Supportive Services:		
76	Regular:	Salaries.....	116,974,845.00
77		Fringe Benefits.....	18,599,000.00
78	Insurance.....		95,685,481.00
79	Transportation:	Operations.....	51,472,820.00
80	Alternative Schools.....		17,000,000.00
81	Extended School Term for		
82	Handicapped Students.....		1,700,000.00
83	Bus Driver Training.....		144,800.00
84	Orthopedic and Aphasic.....		<u>450,000.00</u>
85	Total Cost.....		\$1,229,595,198.00
86	Less: Ad Valorem Tax.....		24,000,000.00
87	Severance Tax.....		<u>1,700,000.00</u>
88	Appropriated Amount.....		\$1,203,895,198.00

89 The above sum is intended to provide a level of support for  
90 eighteen thousand one hundred thirty (18,130) regular teacher  
91 units, four thousand one hundred (4,100) special education teacher  
92 units, seven hundred ten (710) gifted education teacher units, one  
93 thousand forty-five (1,045) vocational teacher units and five  
94 (5,000) teacher assistant units.

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

97 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be

98 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
99 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
100 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

101 The State Department of Education, in reporting expenditures  
102 and disbursements to the Legislature, shall report the amounts  
103 expended and disbursed in categories corresponding to the elements  
104 outlined in this section.

105 SECTION 6. The State Department of Education is authorized  
106 to transfer district allotments for insurance separately from  
107 regular Minimum Program allotments to insure funds are received by  
108 school districts for timely payment of premiums.

109 SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
110 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
111 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
112 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
113 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
114 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
115 performance measures provided below:

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<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
118 Minimum Program	
119 Regular Education	
120 Teacher units funded (units)	18,130
121 Teacher assistants (persons)	5,000
122	
123 Cost per student served (dollars)	\$1,778.00
124 Special Education	
125 Teacher units funded (units)	4,100
126 Students served (persons)	68,600
127 Cost per student served (dollars)	\$2,417.00
128 Vocational Education	
129 Teacher units funded (units)	1,045
130 Students served (persons)	54,000

131	Cost per student served (dollars)	\$790.00
132	Gifted Education	
133	Teacher units funded (units)	710
134	Students served (persons)	29,000
135	Cost per student served (dollars)	\$1,020.00
136	Alternative Schools	
137	Students served (persons)	4,933
138	Cost per student served (dollars)	\$3,446.00
139		
140	Transportation	
141	Students transported (persons)	402,000
142	Cost per student transported (dollars)	\$128.00
143	Insurance	
144	Participants (persons)	47,747
145	Cost per participant (dollars)	\$2,004.00
146	Special Programs	
147	Extended school year program	
148	students (persons)	1,121
149	Orthopedic/aphasic program students (persons)	100
150	Cost per orthopedic/aphasic student	
151	(dollars)	\$4,500

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

156 SECTION 8. Should revenues generated and deposited to the  
157 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1),  
158 Mississippi Code of 1972, and apportioned pursuant to Section  
159 37-61-33(6), Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds  
160 appropriated herein from said source, the State Department of  
161 Education shall notify the Department of Finance and  
162 Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced to insure  
163 expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

164 SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
165 State Department of Education be allowed to receive, budget and  
166 expend funds from any source available not to exceed Ten Million  
167 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), that may become available to the  
168 department in accordance with the rules and regulations of the  
169 Department of Finance and Administration.

170 SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
171 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
172 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
173 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
174 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
175 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

176 SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
177 and after July 1, 1999.