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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1639  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
2 EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR  
4 THE DEAF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board of  
9 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
11 the Deaf for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending  
12 June 30, 2000..... \$ 10,250,321.00.

13 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
15 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of  
16 Education for the support of the Mississippi School for the Blind  
17 or the Mississippi School for the Deaf which is comprised of  
18 special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the  
19 schools, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the schools  
20 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending  
21 June 30, 2000..... \$ 731,062.00.

22 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
23 Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

24 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

25	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	215
26		Part Time. . . . .	40
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28	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	3

29 Part Time. . . . . 0

30 From the funds provided herein, funds may be expended for the  
31 following purposes, in compliance with the policies established by  
32 the State Personnel Board and any conditions placed on such  
33 expenditures:

34 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
35 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
36 appropriated herein.

37 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
38 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
39 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
40 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
41 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
42 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
43 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

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

53 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
54 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
55 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
56 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
57 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

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

60 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
61 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
62 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this

63 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

64 None of the funds herein provided shall be expended to hire  
65 any person on a contractual basis, for any period for any purpose,  
66 without the express prior approval of the State Personnel  
67 Director. The State Personnel Director shall consider, in  
68 approving such contracts, the availability of funds, the need for  
69 services, compliance with the State Compensation Plan and the  
70 qualifications of the persons offering to perform the services.  
71 The State Fiscal Officer shall not pay any warrant that is in  
72 violation of this section.

73 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
74 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
75 the Deaf shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
76 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
77 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
78 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 1999. The Department of  
79 Finance and Administration shall insure that financial controls  
80 comparable to those utilized for Fiscal Year 1999 are maintained  
81 throughout Fiscal Year 1999 for this agency. The State Personnel  
82 Board shall insure that personnel controls and records comparable  
83 to those utilized for Fiscal Year 1999 are maintained throughout  
84 Fiscal Year 2000 for this agency. It is further the intention of  
85 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
86 2001 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
87 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
88 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 1999 budget request  
89 process.

90 SECTION 5. With the funds provided herein, it is the  
91 intention of the Legislature that the academic teachers at the  
92 Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the  
93 Blind shall receive their annual increment and that the  
94 Mississippi State Personnel Board and the Mississippi Department  
95 of Education work together to adjust the special compensation plan  
96 for these teachers to reflect the increase given to public school

97 teachers through the Minimum Program or the increase given to  
98 state employees, whichever is greater, to be implemented July 1,  
99 1999.

100 SECTION 6. Funds are provided in this act for the  
101 reallocations of eight (8) positions not to exceed Thirty-one  
102 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$31,890.00).

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

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