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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1639
(As Sent to Governor)

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..... \$ 10,413,655.00.

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 nine (9) positions not to exceed Thirty-four
102 Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$34,875.00).

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.