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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1643

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1999 AND 2000.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
7 Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 10,855,501.00.

9 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
11 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of
12 Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds
13 collected by or otherwise available to the department for the
14 support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose
15 of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
17 \$ 85,067,071.00.

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

22 OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

23 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

24 Personal Services:

25	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 19,648,549.00
26	Travel and Subsistence.....	552,438.00
27	Contractual Services.....	3,440,309.00

28	Commodities.....	284,351.00
29	Capital Outlay:	
30	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
31	Equipment.....	440,573.00
32	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>22,361,484.00</u>
33	Total.....	\$ 46,727,704.00

34 FUNDING:

35	General Funds.....	\$ 9,183,131.00
36	Special Funds.....	<u>37,544,573.00</u>
37	Total.....	\$ 46,727,704.00

38 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

39	Permanent: Full Time.	462
40	Part Time.	11
41	Time-Limited: Full Time.	103
42	Part Time.	5

43 OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

44 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

45 Personal Services:

46	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 12,201,482.00
47	Travel and Subsistence.....	199,390.00
48	Contractual Services.....	9,051,964.00
49	Commodities.....	523,390.00
50	Capital Outlay:	
51	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
52	Equipment.....	1,600,500.00
53	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>8,343,868.00</u>
54	Total.....	\$ 31,920,594.00

55 FUNDING:

56	General Funds.....	\$ 0.00
57	Special Funds.....	<u>31,920,594.00</u>
58	Total.....	\$ 31,920,594.00

59 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

60	Permanent: Full Time.	298
61	Part Time.	20

62 Time-Limited: Full Time. 38
63 Part Time. 0

64 OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE BLIND

65 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

66 Personal Services:

67 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 3,342,054.00
68 Travel and Subsistence..... 214,422.00
69 Contractual Services..... 699,584.00
70 Commodities..... 79,874.00
71 Capital Outlay:
72 Other Than Equipment..... 15,000.00
73 Equipment..... 237,794.00
74 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 5,339,313.00
75 Total..... \$ 9,928,041.00

76 FUNDING:

77 General Funds..... \$ 1,670,536.00
78 Special Funds..... 8,257,505.00
79 Total..... \$ 9,928,041.00

80 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

81 Permanent: Full Time. 85
82 Part Time. 3
83 Time-Limited: Full Time. 7
84 Part Time. 4

85 The office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall
86 remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars
87 (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for
88 payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the
89 Rehabilitation Services Administration.

90 OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

91 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

92 Personal Services:

93 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 1,458,297.00
94 Travel and Subsistence..... 50,500.00
95 Contractual Services..... 455,297.00

96	Commodities.....		37,860.00
97	Capital Outlay:		
98	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
99	Equipment.....		32,095.00
100	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>
101	Total.....	\$	2,034,049.00

102 FUNDING:

103	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
104	Special Funds.....		<u>2,034,049.00</u>
105	Total.....	\$	2,034,049.00

106 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

107	Permanent:	Full Time.	28
108		Part Time.	0
109	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
110		Part Time.	0

111 SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM

112 FUNDING:

113	General Funds.....	\$	1,834.00
114	Special Funds.....		<u>5,310,350.00</u>
115	Total.....	\$	5,312,184.00

116 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

117	Permanent:	Full Time.	1
118		Part Time.	0
119	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
120		Part Time.	0

121 From the funds herein appropriated, the Department of
122 Rehabilitation Services may cooperate with other state or federal
123 agencies in setting up and executing programs for vocational
124 rehabilitation for eligible disabled and/or handicapped
125 individuals throughout the state.

126 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
127 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
128 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
129 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any

130 conditions placed on such expenditures:

131 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
132 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
133 appropriated herein.

134 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
135 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
136 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
137 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
138 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
139 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
140 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

141 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
142 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
143 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
144 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
145 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
146 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
147 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
148 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
149 effective the date of the rating.

150 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
151 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
152 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
153 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
154 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

155 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive
156 Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may transfer
157 between the various offices authorized herein both funds and
158 positions not to exceed five percent (5%) of the receiving office
159 in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in
160 accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972,
161 Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of
162 Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for the
163 transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of

164 Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month
165 prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further the
166 intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under the
167 provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and
168 that in no case shall the transfers be made which substantially
169 alter the legislative intent for the various offices as set forth
170 in the original appropriations made under this act.

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

175 SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein
176 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
177 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are
178 received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi
179 Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for
180 construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year
181 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
182 \$ 4,000,000.00.

183 SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
184 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
185 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
186 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
187 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
188 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

189 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles
190 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
191 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

192 SECTION 6. Funds are provided in this act in the amount of
193 One Million One Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
194 (\$1,139,200.00) to defray the annualized cost of agency specific
195 realignments or reallocations for the following fourteen (14) job
196 classes and two (2) reallocations within the Department of
197 Rehabilitation Services. The realignments or reallocations

198 referenced within this section are applicable only to the
199 Department of Rehabilitation Services and said adjustments shall
200 not be construed to apply to any other positions under the purview
201 of the State Personnel Board.

- 202 DRS-Disability Examiner I, OCCU 0785
- 203 DRS-Disability Examiner II, OCCU 0586
- 204 DRS-Disability Examiner III, C11CU 1885
- 205 DRS-Disability Examiner Sr., OCCU 3906
- 206 DRS-Program Coordinator, OCCU 1879
- 207 DRS-Counselor I, OCCU 0585
- 208 DRS-Counselor II, OCCU 0786
- 209 DRS-Counselor III, OCCU 1539
- 210 DRS-Counselor Senior, OCCU 4125
- 211 DRS-Counselor Deaf, OCCU 4154
- 212 DRS-Evaluator I, GCCU 0229
- 213 DRS-Evaluator II, GCCU 0784
- 214 DRS-Evaluator III, OCCU 1884
- 215 DRS-Evaluator Senior, OCCU 4124
- 216 1 Property Officer I to Property Officer III
- 217 1 Nurse II to Nurse III

218 SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums heretofore
219 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
220 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
221 Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation
222 Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by
223 or otherwise available to the department for the support of the
224 department, from and after passage and through June 30, 1999.....
225 \$ 25,000.00.

226 This additional appropriation is provided for additional
227 travel for Disability Determination Service hearing officers.

228 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
229 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
230 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
231 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal

232 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
233 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

234 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
235 and after July 1, 1999, except Section 7 which shall be in force
236 from and after passage.