

By: Representatives Moody, Warren, Comans,
Hamilton, Holland, Read, Stevens, Stringer,
Watson

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1643
(As Sent to Governor)

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 July 1,
8 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 9,134,207.00.

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 \$ 86,208,105.00.

18 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
19 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
20 Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, created
21 under House Bill No. 519, 1999 Regular Session, for the purpose of
22 defraying the expenses of the Department of Rehabilitation
23 Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
24 June 30, 2000..... \$ 2,200,000.00.

25 The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

26 Fully match all available federal
27 funds.....\$1,160,479.00

28 Independent Living Program which
 29 includes the State Attendant
 30 Care Program.....\$ 900,000.00
 31 Independent Living Program...\$ 39,901.00
 32 Deaf and hard of hearing.....\$ 87,587.00
 33 Funding positions and
 34 reallocations.....\$ 8,708.00
 35 Older blind grant.....\$ 3,325.00

36 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
 37 Sections 1, 2 and 3, not more than the amounts set forth below
 38 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
 39 expenditure:

40 OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

41 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

42 Personal Services:

43 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 20,198,146.00
 44 Travel and Subsistence..... 627,438.00
 45 Contractual Services..... 3,365,309.00
 46 Commodities..... 284,351.00
 47 Capital Outlay:
 48 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00
 49 Equipment..... 440,573.00
 50 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 22,842,024.00
 51 Total..... \$ 47,757,841.00

52 FUNDING:

53 General Funds..... \$ 7,723,491.00
 54 Special Funds..... 40,034,350.00
 55 Total..... \$ 47,757,841.00

56 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

57 Permanent: Full Time. 462
 58 Part Time. 11
 59 Time-Limited: Full Time. 103
 60 Part Time. 5

61 OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

62 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

63 Personal Services:

64	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	12,715,521.00
65	Travel and Subsistence.....		199,390.00
66	Contractual Services.....		9,051,964.00
67	Commodities.....		523,390.00
68	Capital Outlay:		
69	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
70	Equipment.....		1,600,500.00
71	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>8,343,868.00</u>
72	Total.....	\$	32,434,633.00

73 FUNDING:

74	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
75	Special Funds.....		<u>32,434,633.00</u>
76	Total.....	\$	32,434,633.00

77 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

78	Permanent:	Full Time.	298
79		Part Time.	20
80	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	38
81		Part Time.	0

82 OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE BLIND

83 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

84 Personal Services:

85	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	3,417,618.00
86	Travel and Subsistence.....		139,422.00
87	Contractual Services.....		774,584.00
88	Commodities.....		79,874.00
89	Capital Outlay:		
90	Other Than Equipment.....		15,000.00
91	Equipment.....		237,794.00
92	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>5,339,313.00</u>
93	Total.....	\$	10,003,605.00

94 FUNDING:

95	General Funds.....	\$	1,410,716.00
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96 Special Funds..... 8,592,889.00
 97 Total..... \$ 10,003,605.00

98 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

99 Permanent: Full Time. 85
 100 Part Time. 3
 101 Time-Limited: Full Time. 7
 102 Part Time. 4

103 The office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall
 104 remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars
 105 (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for
 106 payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the
 107 Rehabilitation Services Administration.

108 OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

109 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

110 Personal Services:

111 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 1,458,297.00
 112 Travel and Subsistence..... 50,500.00
 113 Contractual Services..... 455,297.00
 114 Commodities..... 37,860.00
 115 Capital Outlay:
 116 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00
 117 Equipment..... 32,095.00
 118 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 0.00
 119 Total..... \$ 2,034,049.00

120 FUNDING:

121 General Funds..... \$ 0.00
 122 Special Funds..... 2,034,049.00
 123 Total..... \$ 2,034,049.00

124 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

125 Permanent: Full Time. 28
 126 Part Time. 0
 127 Time-Limited: Full Time. 0
 128 Part Time. 0

129 SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM

130	FUNDING:		
131	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
132	Special Funds.....		<u>5,312,184.00</u>
133	Total.....	\$	5,312,184.00

134 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

135	Permanent:	Full Time.	1
136		Part Time.	0
137	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
138		Part Time.	0

139 From the funds herein appropriated, the Department of
140 Rehabilitation Services may cooperate with other state or federal
141 agencies in setting up and executing programs for vocational
142 rehabilitation for eligible disabled and/or handicapped
143 individuals throughout the state.

144 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
145 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
146 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
147 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
148 conditions placed on such expenditures:

149 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
150 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
151 appropriated herein.

152 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
153 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
154 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
155 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
156 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
157 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
158 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

159 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
160 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
161 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
162 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
163 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the

164 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
165 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
166 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
167 effective the date of the rating.

168 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
169 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
170 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
171 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
172 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

173 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive
174 Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may transfer
175 between the various offices authorized herein both funds and
176 positions not to exceed five percent (5%) of the receiving office
177 in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in
178 accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972,
179 Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of
180 Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for the
181 transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of
182 Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month
183 prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further the
184 intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under the
185 provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and
186 that in no case shall the transfers be made which substantially
187 alter the legislative intent for the various offices as set forth
188 in the original appropriations made under this act.

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

193 SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein
194 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
195 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are
196 received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi
197 Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for

198 construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year
199 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
200 \$ 4,000,000.00.

201 SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
202 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
203 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
204 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
205 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
206 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

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

210 SECTION 7. Funds are provided in this act in the amount of
211 One Million One Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
212 (\$1,139,200.00) to defray the annualized cost of agency specific
213 realignments or reallocations for the following fourteen (14) job
214 classes and two (2) reallocations within the Department of
215 Rehabilitation Services. The realignments or reallocations
216 referenced within this section are applicable only to the
217 Department of Rehabilitation Services and said adjustments shall
218 not be construed to apply to any other positions under the purview
219 of the State Personnel Board.

- 220 DRS-Disability Examiner I, OCCU 0785
- 221 DRS-Disability Examiner II, OCCU 0586
- 222 DRS-Disability Examiner III, C11CU 1885
- 223 DRS-Disability Examiner Sr., OCCU 3906
- 224 DRS-Program Coordinator, OCCU 1879
- 225 DRS-Counselor I, OCCU 0585
- 226 DRS-Counselor II, OCCU 0786
- 227 DRS-Counselor III, OCCU 1539
- 228 DRS-Counselor Senior, OCCU 4125
- 229 DRS-Counselor Deaf, OCCU 4154
- 230 DRS-Evaluator I, GCCU 0229
- 231 DRS-Evaluator II, GCCU 0784

232 DRS-Evaluator III, OCCU 1884

233 DRS-Evaluator Senior, OCCU 4124

234 1 Property Officer I to Property Officer III

235 1 Nurse II to Nurse III

236 SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums heretofore
237 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
238 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
239 Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation
240 Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by
241 or otherwise available to the department for the support of the
242 department, from and after passage and through June 30, 1999.....
243 \$ 25,000.00.

244 This additional appropriation is provided for additional
245 travel for Disability Determination Service hearing officers.

246 SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
247 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
248 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
249 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
250 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
251 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

252 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from
253 and after July 1, 1999, except Section 8 which shall be in force
254 from and after passage.