

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Universities and
Colleges;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2924

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL
2 COMPLEX WHICH SHALL BE A TEACHING HOSPITAL IN ADDITION TO THE
3 TEACHING HOSPITAL AT THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER; TO PROVIDE
4 THAT THE MEDICAL COMPLEX SHALL BE LOCATED AT LORMAN, MISSISSIPPI;
5 TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEDICAL COMPLEX SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE
6 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AS A
7 SATELLITE FACILITY TO THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER; TO PROVIDE
8 THAT WITHIN TEN YEARS OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE MEDICAL COMPLEX
9 SHALL BE A COMPREHENSIVE HOSPITAL FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
10 COMPLEX SHALL OFFER FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCIES, AND SHALL BE
11 OPERATED ON THE BASIS OF CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED; TO PROVIDE
12 THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TOBACCO
13 LITIGATION CASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND MAINTENANCE OF
14 THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COMPLEX; AND FOR RELATED
15 PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
16 MISSISSIPPI:

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18 SECTION 1. (1) There shall be built, equipped and operated
19 a teaching hospital, together with all ancillary buildings and
20 physical facilities needful or proper for the establishment,
21 operation and maintenance of such a hospital as a part of a fully
22 accredited medical school, including clinical and out-patient
23 services and all types of services deemed to be necessary or
24 desirable, to be established by the Board of Trustees of State
25 Institutions of Higher Learning and to be known as The Alcorn
26 State University Medical Complex. There shall also be acquired
27 and installed all needed equipment and supplies for the proper
28 operation and maintenance of such teaching and hospital and other
29 facilities for the purposes aforesaid. There shall be employed
30 all needed personnel and services to operate said teaching
31 hospital and other facilities. The Alcorn State University
32 Medical Complex (teaching hospital) shall be located and built
33 upon lands owned by the State of Mississippi or otherwise conveyed

34 to the State of Mississippi for this purpose in or near the City
35 of Lorman, Mississippi.

36 (2) The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
37 Management shall construct the buildings and all other related
38 facilities for said teaching hospital. When such buildings shall
39 have been constructed and made ready for occupancy, the lands,
40 buildings and other improvements erected thereon, shall be
41 conveyed by the bureau to Alcorn State University, and title to
42 said property shall be vested in Alcorn State University.

43 (3) The Alcorn State University Medical Complex (teaching
44 hospital) shall be operated as departments of Alcorn State
45 University. However, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions
46 of Higher Learning shall provide that said teaching hospital shall
47 be affiliated with the University Medical Center as a satellite
48 facility of the medical center. At the time of its establishment,
49 the teaching hospital shall offer a limited number of medical
50 specialties as determined by the University Medical Center, but
51 the number of medical specialties offered at the hospital shall be
52 gradually expended so that within ten (10) years from the date of
53 its establishment, it shall be a comprehensive hospital facility
54 offering substantially all of the medical specialties offered at
55 University Medical Center, and residencies shall be established at
56 the new teaching hospital to accomplish this requirement. The
57 teaching hospital shall offer family medicine residencies from the
58 date of its establishment.

59 (4) The teaching hospital established under this section
60 shall be utilized to serve the people of Mississippi generally.
61 It shall be operated on the basis of charges for services
62 rendered, but there shall be a reasonable volume of free work;
63 however, such volume shall never be less than one-half (1/2) of
64 its respective bed capacity. The income derived from the
65 operation of the teaching hospital shall be utilized toward the
66 payment of the operating expenses of the hospital. The teaching
67 hospital and related facilities shall have the power necessary to
68 enter into group purchasing arrangements as deemed reasonable and
69 necessary and establish rates and charges on any desirable basis.

70 (5) The Legislature shall appropriate a sum of not less than

71 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from any money deposited
72 in the State Treasury as may be received by the state as
73 settlement of any of the litigation in which the State of
74 Mississippi is a plaintiff or claimant for damages suffered by the
75 state as a result of the use of tobacco or tobacco products by the
76 residents of the state, Mike Moore Attorney General ex rel. State
77 of Mississippi v. The American Tobacco Company et al. (Chancery
78 Court of Jackson County, Mississippi, Cause No. 94-1429), or from
79 any other sources as may be available, for the construction and
80 equipping of the Alcorn State University Medical Complex and any
81 related facilities.

82 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
83 and after July 1, 1999.