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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3125

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
6 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the
7 expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the
8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000.....
9 \$ 14,836,798.00.

10 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
12 Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and
13 Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred
14 in the operation of the various offices of the department for the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000.....
16 \$ 15,629,646.00.

17 SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
18 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

19 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

20 Permanent:	Full Time.	358
21	Part Time.	4
22 Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
23	Part Time.	0

24 Provided that a report based on expenditures incurred during
25 the current and immediate-past fiscal years shall be provided to
26 each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should

27 reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E.
28 Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and
29 Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School
30 Building, the 301 Building and other state buildings, and this
31 report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

32 It is also the intention of the Legislature that no
33 state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for
34 official business only.

35 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
36 Section 2, the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or
37 so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended for premium
38 payments for flood insurance on state-owned facilities. However,
39 no such premium shall be paid until reviewed and approved by the
40 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Said
41 payments are to be made from accrued interest earnings from loans
42 under the Disaster Assistance Program.

43 SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein
44 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
45 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
46 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tort Claims Fund
47 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board
48 in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year
49 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
50 \$ 11,104,004.00.

51 SECTION 6. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
52 of Section 5, the following positions are authorized:

53 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

54	Permanent:	Full Time.	6
55		Part Time.	0
56	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
57		Part Time.	0

58 SECTION 7. From the funds provided in this act, funds may be
59 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
60 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
61 conditions placed on such expenditures:

62 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
63 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds

64 appropriated herein.

65 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
66 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
67 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
68 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
69 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
70 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
71 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

72 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
73 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
74 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
75 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
76 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
77 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
78 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
79 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
80 effective the date of the rating.

81 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
82 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
83 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
84 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
85 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

86 Any transfers within each specific budget or escalations
87 shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and
88 procedures established by law.

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

93 SECTION 8. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
94 Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly
95 authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state,
96 local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of

97 construction and/or repairs and renovation projects.

98 SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
99 following amounts are authorized to be spent out of the Statewide
100 Cost Allocation Fund No. 3143 by the Department of Finance and
101 Administration:

102 (a) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)
103 for the purpose of defraying computer expenses.

104 (b) Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred
105 Thirty-nine Dollars (\$560,839.00) for the purpose of defraying the
106 cost of the acquisition, development and implementation of the
107 Statewide Automated Accounting System.

108 (c) One Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Four Hundred
109 Dollars (\$153,400.00) for an imaging/electronic processing
110 feasibility study and initial phase of implementation.

111 SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
112 Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) is authorized
113 to be spent out of the Local Disaster Loan Fund No. 3144 by the
114 Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of
115 defraying the cost of the Air Transport Services.

116 SECTION 11. The Office of Capitol Facilities, Department of
117 Finance and Administration, is hereby expressly authorized and
118 empowered to receive funds from state agencies for the rent of
119 office space in the Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi,
120 Mississippi, and the State Service Center in Hattiesburg,
121 Mississippi. The Office of Capitol Facilities is further
122 authorized and empowered to budget and expend any such funds
123 received to operate and maintain, and up to Five Dollars (\$5.00)
124 per square foot of rental receipts to finish tenant space, in the
125 Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the State
126 Service Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as state office
127 buildings. Monies received for rent of such office space are to
128 be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury. Any funds
129 on hand at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State

130 General Fund.

131 SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
132 Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete
133 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
134 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
135 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
136 Year 1999. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
137 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be
138 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
139 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
140 provided during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

141 SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that
142 positions currently assigned to the Department of Information
143 Technology Services for operation of the Mississippi Management
144 and Reporting System and paid by funds of the Department of
145 Finance and Administration be transferred to the Department of
146 Finance and Administration. The Executive Director of the
147 Department of Information Technology Services and the Executive
148 Director of the Department of Finance and Administration are
149 hereby authorized to effect such transfers as of July 1, 1999.
150 The Department of Finance and Administration is further authorized
151 to escalate the number of positions herein authorized up to but
152 not to exceed fifteen (15) positions for such transfers.

153 This is a transfer of positions with no funds involved.

154 SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
155 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
156 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
157 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
158 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
159 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

160 SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from
161 and after July 1, 1999.