

By: Senator(s) Hall, Burton, Jordan (18th), Dearing, Farris, Gordon, Kirby, Posey, Simmons, Turner, White (5th), Frazier, Harden To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3137

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND
3 MAINTENANCE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND THE MISSISSIPPI
4 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD, FOR FISCAL
5 YEAR 2000.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
10 of State Institutions of Higher Learning: (1) for the Omnibus
11 Loan or Scholarship Act of 1991, in accordance with Section
12 37-143-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972; (2) to defray the
13 expenses incurred by the State of Mississippi in accordance with
14 the terms of contracts between the State of Mississippi and the
15 Southern Regional Education Board under the Southern Regional
16 Education Program, in accordance with Section 37-135-1 et seq.,
17 Mississippi Code of 1972; (3) to provide instruction in graduate
18 and professional schools in institutions outside the state for
19 qualified students who are residents of Mississippi when such
20 instruction is not available for them in the regularly supported
21 Mississippi institutions of higher learning, in accordance with
22 Section 37-101-221, Mississippi Code of 1972; (4) for the
23 Post-Secondary Education Assistance Fund, for the purpose of
24 providing loans to students in accordance with Section 37-106-1 et
25 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972; (5) for the purpose of reimbursing
26 institutions for scholarships granted under the provisions of
27 Section 37-107-1 (deceased or disabled law enforcement officers'

28 and firemen's spouses children); (6) for the purpose of
29 reimbursing institutions for scholarships granted under the
30 provisions of Section 37-108-1 (POW or MIA children); (7) for the
31 Public Management Graduate Intern Program, for the purpose of
32 providing a practical work experience in a specific state or local
33 agency and office, including offices of the Legislature, to
34 students in accordance with Section 37-110-1 et seq., Mississippi
35 Code of 1972; (8) for the support and maintenance of the
36 Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the
37 Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program; (9) for the support
38 and maintenance of the Higher Education Legislative Plan; and (10)
39 for the support and maintenance of the Department of Student
40 Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and
41 ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 25,011,783.00.

42 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
43 necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from
44 any federal funds, research grants, donations, fees, or other
45 special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become
46 available, for: (1) the Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund, in
47 accordance with Section 37-143-19, Mississippi Code of 1972; (2)
48 the expenses incurred by the State of Mississippi in accordance
49 with the terms of contracts between the State of Mississippi and
50 the Southern Regional Education Board under the Southern Regional
51 Education Program; (3) the Post-Secondary Education Assistance
52 Fund, for the purpose of providing loans to students; (4) for the
53 Public Management Graduate Intern Program; and (5) for the support
54 and maintenance of the Department of Student Financial Aid, for
55 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
56 June 30, 2000..... \$ 6,669,680.00.

57 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in this act, not less
58 than Twenty Million Two Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Five Hundred
59 Dollars (\$20,284,500.00) shall be allocated for the support and
60 maintenance of the Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant
61 Program, the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program and the
62 Higher Education Legislative Plan.

63 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Four
64 Million Five Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-

65 seven Dollars (\$4,553,337.00) shall be derived from funds
66 deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1), Mississippi Code of
67 1972.

68 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
69 the funds authorized for expenditure in Section 2, the amount of
70 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be used to defray the
71 costs of the Critical Teacher Shortage Scholarship Program.

72 SECTION 6. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in
73 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established
74 by law.

75 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this
76 act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or
77 for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the
78 State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to
79 July 1, 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or
80 dentistry.

81 SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
82 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the
83 Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning
84 shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and
85 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding
86 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified
87 applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the
88 number of returning optometry students who received funding under
89 the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new
90 entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five
91 (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering
92 osteopathic medical students and the number of returning
93 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the
94 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of
95 study.

96 SECTION 8. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the
97 provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 among the student financial aid

98 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature
99 that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to
100 all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of
101 Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections 37-108-1 through
102 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

103 SECTION 9. All funds provided for in this act shall be
104 accounted for in a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and
105 for what purpose applied, and this statement shall be submitted at
106 the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days
107 after the convening thereof. A report of loans made and receipt
108 of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported. The amount
109 of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such
110 report shall include the number of students at each institution
111 receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance,
112 and an estimate of the financial requirement of the various loan
113 programs for the next year. No public or private institution of
114 higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of
115 this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans,
116 shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any
117 amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official
118 transcript is requested.

119 Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be
120 reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the
121 provisions of Section 37-143-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

122 SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
123 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be submitted to
124 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
125 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
126 during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

127 SECTION 11. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
128 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
129 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
130 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

131 SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
132 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
133 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
134 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
135 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
136 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

137 SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from
138 and after July 1, 1999.