

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3139
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF
3 THE CONSOLIDATED OPERATION OF THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER,
4 THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER AND MARIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
9 of State Institutions of Higher Learning, who is assigned custody
10 and management of the center: (1) to defray the expenses of
11 operating and maintaining the Education and Research Center of
12 Mississippi and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information
13 System (MARIS), including but not limited to the maintenance of
14 said buildings and grounds and expenses for fuel, water,
15 electricity, telephones, supplies and salaries for personnel
16 necessary therefor; and (2) to be used for the support and
17 maintenance of the University Research Center for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000

19 \$ 3,882,543.00.

20 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
21 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
22 funds which are collected by or otherwise become available and
23 funds available from building use charge for the following
24 purposes: (1) to defray the expenses of operating and maintaining
25 the Education and Research Center of Mississippi and the
26 Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS),
27 including but not limited to the maintenance of said buildings and

28 grounds, and expenses for fuel, water, electricity, telephones,
29 supplies and salaries for personnel necessary therefor; and (2) to
30 be used for the support and maintenance of the University Research
31 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
32 June 30, 2000..... \$ 1,506,791.00.

33 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
34 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
35 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
36 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available. Any
37 transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the
38 terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

39 SECTION 3. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
40 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
41 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
42 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

43 SECTION 4. All fees charged and collected by the University
44 Research Center for services provided by the Mississippi Automated
45 Resource Information System (MARIS) shall be deposited in a
46 special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Automated Resource
47 Information System (MARIS) Revolving Fund." All monies in the
48 revolving fund shall be used by MARIS exclusively for the support
49 of MARIS projects and activities.

50 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
51 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be submitted to
52 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
53 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
54 during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

55 SECTION 6. Of the funds authorized for expenditure in
56 Section 2, the following amounts shall be derived from the
57 Education Enhancement Fund as follows:

58 (a) Four Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Four Hundred
59 Twelve Dollars (\$429,412.00) shall be derived from
60 funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
61 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

62 (b) One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00)
63 shall be derived from funds deposited pursuant to
64 Section 27-103-203(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

65 SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, funds in
66 the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) are
67 provided for the purpose of defraying the expenses of preparing an
68 economic assessment of the riverboat gaming industry in the State
69 of Mississippi. This study is to include but not be limited to an
70 analysis of the problem, opportunities and growth potential of the
71 riverboat gaming industry in Mississippi. The study is to include
72 revenue growth projections for local and state government and to
73 determine whether riverboat gaming revenues will help stabilize or
74 destabilize revenue collections during an unstable economy. The
75 University Research Center may request the assistance of
76 university personnel and may contract with public or private
77 resources for the purposes of conducting this study.

78 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
79 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
80 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
81 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
82 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
83 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

84 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
85 and after July 1, 1999.