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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3203

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
2 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAPITAL
3 IMPROVEMENTS FOR JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words shall
7 have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly
8 requires otherwise:

9 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date
10 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated
11 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon
12 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,
13 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the
14 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same
15 maturity.

16 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18 SECTION 2. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the
19 "1999 Jackson State University Capital Improvements Fund" is
20 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained
21 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate
22 and apart from the General Fund of the state and investment
23 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

24 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,
25 in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration,
26 to pay the costs of the following projects for Jackson State
27 University as hereinafter described:

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29	(i) Phase I of construction of a	
30	school of business building.....	\$ 8,000,000.00
31	(ii) Improvements to campus	
32	building necessary for compliance with the Americans	
33	with Disabilities Act of 1990	3,000,000.00
34	(iii) Preplanning for a school of	
35	engineering building.....	500,000.00
36	(iv) Phase I of expansion of library	
37	holdings.....	1,500,000.00
38	(v) Construction and equipping of a	
39	Geographic Information Center/Remote Sensing	
40	Interdisciplinary Research Center.....	4,000,000.00
41	(vi) General renovation and repair of	
42	campus buildings.....	17,500,000.00
43	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$34,500,000.00

44 (2) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
45 disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1)
46 of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified, by
47 resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in subsection
48 (1) shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed
49 in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund
50 shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under
51 this act, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the
52 issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

53 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting
54 through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
55 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and
56 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the
57 expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The
58 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be
59 under the direction of the Department of Finance and
60 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State
61 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants
62 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director
63 of the Department of Finance and Administration or his designee.

64 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration is

65 authorized to pay for the construction, repair, renovation,
66 furnishing and equipping of facilities.

67 SECTION 3. (1) The commission, at one time, or from time to
68 time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of
69 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide
70 funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes
71 described in Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a
72 resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration,
73 declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the
74 general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the
75 Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified
76 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon
77 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may
78 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds,
79 advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so
80 authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary
81 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such
82 bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this act shall not
83 exceed Thirty-four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
84 (\$34,500,000.00).

85 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the
86 special fund created in Section 2 of this act shall be used to pay
87 debt service on bonds issued under this act, in accordance with
88 the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

89 SECTION 4. The principal of and interest on the bonds
90 authorized under this act shall be payable in the manner provided
91 in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in
92 such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or
93 rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,
94 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places
95 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature
96 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25)
97 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such

98 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall
99 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in
100 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the
101 commission.

102 SECTION 5. The bonds authorized by this act shall be signed
103 by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature,
104 and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,
105 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons,
106 if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the
107 facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds
108 shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the
109 bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may
110 have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of
111 such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such
112 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds
113 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all
114 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially
115 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to
116 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may
117 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,
118 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of
119 the State of Mississippi.

120 SECTION 6. All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
121 provisions of this act have all the qualities and incidents of
122 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Mississippi
123 Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by
124 this act, the commission shall not be required to and need not
125 comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Uniform Commercial
126 Code.

127 SECTION 7. The commission shall act as the issuing agent for
128 the bonds authorized under this act, prescribe the form of the
129 bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so
130 authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such

131 issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and
132 advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds.

133 The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that
134 are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds
135 authorized under this act from the proceeds derived from the sale
136 of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed
137 bids at public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be
138 for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such
139 sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest
140 to the date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All
141 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable
142 semiannually or annually; however, the first interest payment may
143 be for any period of not more than one (1) year.

144 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at
145 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of
146 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers
147 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,
148 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial
149 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the
150 commission.

151 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of
152 this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of
153 Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the
154 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or
155 dates named therein.

156 SECTION 8. The bonds issued under the provisions of this act
157 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the
158 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of
159 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by
160 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the
161 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency
162 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State
163 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain

164 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of
165 this section.

166 SECTION 9. Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the
167 provisions of this act, the commission shall transfer the proceeds
168 of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in Section 2
169 of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely
170 upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration
171 under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the
172 resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

173 SECTION 10. The bonds authorized under this act may be
174 issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other
175 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and
176 things which are specified or required by this act. Any
177 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the
178 provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its
179 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted
180 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority
181 of its members.

182 SECTION 11. The bonds authorized under the authority of this
183 act may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial
184 District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the
185 force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi
186 Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school
187 district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by
188 such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or
189 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

190 SECTION 12. Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions
191 of this act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto
192 may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or
193 other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted
194 under this act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and
195 compel performance of all duties required by this act to be
196 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and

197 interest thereon.

198 SECTION 13. All bonds issued under the provisions of this
199 act shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries,
200 and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies
201 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such
202 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and
203 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state
204 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose
205 of securing the deposit of public funds.

206 SECTION 14. Bonds issued under the provisions of this act
207 and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the
208 State of Mississippi.

209 SECTION 15. The proceeds of the bonds issued under this act
210 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including
211 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

212 SECTION 16. The State Treasurer is authorized, without
213 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance
214 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department
215 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
216 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
217 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
218 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this act; and the State
219 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated
220 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to
221 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates
222 thereof.

223 SECTION 17. This act shall be deemed to be full and complete
224 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this
225 act shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any
226 existing law of this state.

227 SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from
228 and after its passage.