

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S.B. No. 3128: Appropriation; Dept. of Audit.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
8 salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of
9 Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of
10 the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq.,
11 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
12 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
13 \$ 6,939,106.00.

14 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any special funds in the
16 State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Audit's
17 special fund account for the purpose of paying salaries and
18 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making
19 the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and
20 counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code
21 of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
22 June 30, 2000..... \$ 4,000,000.00.

23 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
24 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
25 be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
26 expenditure:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

29	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	8,819,372.00
30	Travel and Subsistence.....		878,548.00
31	Contractual Services.....		874,748.00
32	Commodities.....		114,050.00
33	Capital Outlay:		
34	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
35	Equipment.....		252,388.00
36	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>
37	Total.....	\$	10,939,106.00

38 FUNDING:

39	General Funds.....	\$	6,939,106.00
40	Special Funds.....		<u>4,000,000.00</u>
41	Total.....	\$	10,939,106.00

42 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

43	Permanent:	Full Time.	194
44		Part Time.	1
45	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
46		Part Time.	0

47 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
48 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
49 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
50 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
51 conditions placed on such expenditures:

52 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
53 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
54 appropriated herein.

55 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
56 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
57 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
58 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
59 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
60 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
61 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

62 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
63 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall

64 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
65 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
66 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
67 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
68 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
69 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
70 effective the date of the rating.

71 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
72 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
73 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
74 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
75 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

76 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
77 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

82 SECTION 4. In addition to the sums appropriated herein, the
83 Office of the State Auditor is hereby authorized to receive,
84 budget, and expend, with the approval of the Department of Finance
85 and Administration, any special funds made available to comply
86 with the Single Audit Act of 1984. These special funds may be
87 used to employ staff, reallocate existing staff, and pay related
88 expenses, or to engage private accountants, as necessary, to
89 comply with the provisions of the Act.

90 SECTION 5. Within the funds provided herein, audits of the
91 Institute for Technology Development (ITD) are to be performed by
92 the State Auditor in accordance with Sections 31-29-3 and
93 31-29-25, Mississippi Code of 1972. In conducting these audits,
94 the State Auditor may rely to the maximum extent possible upon
95 audits of ITD conducted by independent auditors in accordance with
96 the provisions of the "Standards for Audit of Governmental
97 Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions" published by
98 the Comptroller General of the United States and Circular A-133

99 "Audits of Institutions of Higher Learning and Other Non-Profit
 100 Institutions" published by the Office of Management and Budget.
 101 ITD shall present the results of any and all such audits to the
 102 State Auditor for review and incorporation into his reports to the
 103 Legislative Budget Committee. The audits to be provided to the
 104 State Auditor by ITD shall include at least one (1) annual
 105 financial and compliance audit and one (1) audit of its indirect
 106 costs and associated billing rate agreements.

107 SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 108 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 109 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
 110 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
 111 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 112 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 113 performance measures provided below:

	FY2000
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
116 POST AUDIT	
117 Audits completed (Engagements)	166
118 Billable audit hours (Hours)	176,450
119 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	
120 Inquiries (Action)	10,000
121 Cost per inquiry (\$)	24.59
122 Technicalities (Actions)	42,000
123 Cost per technicality (\$)	.43
124 AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	
125 ADA examination (Actions)	10,130
126 Cost per attendance count (\$)	35.48
127 Cost per school (\$)	433.90

128 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 129 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 130 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 131 Committee for Fiscal Year 2001.

132 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
 133 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the

134 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
135 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
136 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
137 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

138 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from
139 and after July 1, 1999.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE:

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Dick Hall

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Bob M. Dearing

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Charlie Ross

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE:

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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