

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. 3137: Appropriation; Student Financial Aid.

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:

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..... \$ 23,357,316.00.

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..... \$ 7,169,680.00.

57 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
58 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of carryover
59 funds in State Treasury Fund 325E, pursuant to Section 37-106-33,
60 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the
61 Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the
62 Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program, for the fiscal year
63 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
64 \$ 169,897.00.

65 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in this act, not less

66 than Nineteen Million Six Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Three
67 Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$19,628,397.00) shall be allocated
68 for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Resident
69 Tuition Assistance Grant Program, the Mississippi Eminent Scholars
70 Grant Program and the Higher Education Legislative Plan.

71 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Four
72 Million Five Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-
73 seven Dollars (\$4,553,337.00) shall be derived from funds
74 deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1), Mississippi Code of
75 1972.

76 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
77 the funds authorized for expenditure in Section 2, an amount not
78 to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be used to
79 defray the costs of the Critical Teacher Shortage Scholarship
80 Program.

81 SECTION 7. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in
82 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established
83 by law.

84 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this
85 act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or
86 for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the
87 State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to July 1,
88 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

89 SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
90 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the
91 Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning
92 shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and
93 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding
94 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified
95 applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the
96 number of returning optometry students who received funding under
97 the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new
98 entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five
99 (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering
100 osteopathic medical students and the number of returning

101 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the
102 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of
103 study.

104 SECTION 9. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the
105 provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 among the student financial aid
106 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature
107 that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to
108 all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of
109 Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections 37-108-1 through
110 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

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

130 SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
131 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be submitted to
132 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
133 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
134 during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

135 SECTION 12. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and

136 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
137 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
138 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

139 SECTION 13. Should revenues generated and deposited to the
140 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1),
141 Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds appropriated herein
142 from said source, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
143 Higher Learning shall notify the Department of Finance and
144 Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced to insure
145 that expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

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

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

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