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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 3137

By Representative(s) Committee

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..... \$ 23,352,154.00.

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. Of the funds appropriated in this act, not less
58 than Nineteen Million Four Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Five
59 Hundred Dollars (\$19,458,500.00) shall be allocated for the

60 support and maintenance of the Mississippi Resident Tuition
61 Assistance Grant Program, the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant
62 Program and the 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 July 1,
79 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

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

92 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the
93 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of
94 study.

95 SECTION 8. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the
96 provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 among the student financial aid
97 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature
98 that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to
99 all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of
100 Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections 37-108-1 through
101 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

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

121 SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
122 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be submitted to
123 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of

124 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
125 during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

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

130 SECTION 12. Should revenues generated and deposited to the
131 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1),
132 Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds appropriated herein
133 from said source, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
134 Higher Learning shall notify the Department of Finance and
135 Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced to insure
136 that expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

137 SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
138 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
139 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
140 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
141 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
142 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

143 SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from
144 and after July 1, 1999.