Adopted AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 1643

By Senator(s) Committee

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

4	SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6	General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
7	Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
8	1999, and ending June 30, 2000\$ 9,134,207.00.
9	SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
11	fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of
12	Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds
13	collected by or otherwise available to the department for the
14	support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose
15	of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
16	beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000
17	\$ 78,371,822.00.
18	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
19	Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
20	be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
21	expenditure:
22	OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
24	Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	\$ 20,177,744.00
Travel and Subsistence	603,532.00
27 Contractual Services	2,957,030.00
28 Commodities	269,351.00
29 Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment	0.00
31 Equipment	440,573.00
32 Subsidies, Loans and Grants	17,821,129.00
33 Total	\$ 42,269,359.00
34 FUNDING:	
General Funds	\$ 7,723,491.00
36 Special Funds	34,545,868.00
37 Total	\$ 42,269,359.00
38 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:	
39 Permanent: Full Time	462
40 Part Time	11
Time-Limited: Full Time	103
Part Time	5
43 OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION	SERVICES
44 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:	
45 Personal Services:	
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	\$ 12,715,521.00
Travel and Subsistence	199,390.00
Contractual Services	9,051,964.00
49 Commodities	523,390.00
Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment	0.00
52 Equipment	1,600,500.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants	8,343,868.00
54 Total	\$ 32,434,633.00
55 FUNDING:	
General Funds	\$ 0.00
57 Special Funds	32,434,633.00

58	Total\$ 32,434,633.00
59	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
60	Permanent: Full Time 298
61	Part Time 20
62	Time-Limited: Full Time
63	Part Time 0
64	OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE BLIND
65	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
66	Personal Services:
67	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 3,376,736.00
68	Travel and Subsistence
69	Contractual Services
70	Commodities
71	Capital Outlay:
72	Other Than Equipment
73	Equipment
74	Subsidies, Loans and Grants 4,217,744.00
75	Total\$ 8,766,154.00
76	FUNDING:
77	General Funds\$ 1,410,716.00
78	Special Funds
79	Total\$ 8,766,154.00
80	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
81	Permanent: Full Time
82	Part Time 0
83	Time-Limited: Full Time 4
84	Part Time 2
85	The office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall
86	remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars
87	(\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for
88	payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the
89	Rehabilitation Services Administration.
90	OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

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91	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
92	Personal Services:
93	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 1,458,297.00
94	Travel and Subsistence 50,500.00
95	Contractual Services
96	Commodities
97	Capital Outlay:
98	Other Than Equipment
99	Equipment
100	Subsidies, Loans and Grants0.00
101	Total\$ 2,034,049.00
102	FUNDING:
103	General Funds\$ 0.00
104	Special Funds
105	Total\$ 2,034,049.00
106	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
107	Permanent: Full Time
108	Part Time 0
109	Time-Limited: Full Time 0
110	Part Time 0
111	SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM
112	FUNDING:
113	General Funds\$ 0.00
114	Special Funds
115	Total\$ 2,001,834.00
116	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
117	Permanent: Full Time 1
118	Part Time 0
119	Time-Limited: Full Time 0
120	Part Time 0
121	From the funds herein appropriated, the Department of
122	Rehabilitation Services may cooperate with other state or federal
123	agencies in setting up and executing programs for vocational

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- 124 rehabilitation for eligible disabled and/or handicapped
- 125 individuals throughout the state.
- 126 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
- 127 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits, "funds may be
- 128 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
- 129 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
- 130 conditions placed on such expenditures:
- 131 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
- 132 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
- 133 appropriated herein.
- (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
- 135 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
- 136 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
- 137 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
- 138 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
- 139 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
- 140 Dollars (\$1,000.00).
- 141 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
- 142 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
- 143 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
- 144 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
- 145 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
- 146 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
- 147 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
- 148 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
- 149 effective the date of the rating.
- 150 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
- 151 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
- 152 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
- 153 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
- 154 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.
- 155 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive
- 156 Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may transfer

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157	between the various offices authorized herein both funds and
158	positions not to exceed five percent (5%) of the receiving office
159	in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in
160	accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972,
161	Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of
162	Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for the
163	transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of
164	Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month
165	prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further the
166	intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under the
167	provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and
168	that in no case shall the transfers be made which substantially
169	alter the legislative intent for the various offices as set forth
170	in the original appropriations made under this act.
171	No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
172	used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
173	being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
174	act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
175	SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein
176	appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
177	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are
178	received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi
179	Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for
180	construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year
181	beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000
182	\$ 4,000,000.00.
183	SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
184	other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
185	any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
186	Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
187	any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
188	Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles

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     authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
     with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.
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           SECTION 6. Funds are provided in this act in the amount of
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     One Million One Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
     ($1,139,200.00) to defray the annualized cost of agency specific
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     realignments or reallocations for the following fourteen (14) job
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     classes and two (2) reallocations within the Department of
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     Rehabilitation Services. The realignments or reallocations
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     referenced within this section are applicable only to the
     Department of Rehabilitation Services and said adjustments shall
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     not be construed to apply to any other positions under the purview
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     of the State Personnel Board.
          DRS-Disability Examiner I, OCCU 0785
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          DRS-Disability Examiner II, OCCU 0586
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          DRS-Disability Examiner III, C11CU 1885
          DRS-Disability Examiner Sr., OCCU 3906
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          DRS-Program Coordinator, OCCU 1879
          DRS-Counselor I, OCCU 0585
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          DRS-Counselor II, OCCU 0786
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          DRS-Counselor III, OCCU 1539
          DRS-Counselor Senior, OCCU 4125
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          DRS-Counselor Deaf, OCCU 4154
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          DRS-Evaluator I, GCCU 0229
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          DRS-Evaluator II, GCCU 0784
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          DRS-Evaluator III, OCCU 1884
          DRS-Evaluator Senior, OCCU 4124
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           1 Property Officer I to Property Officer III
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           1 Nurse II to Nurse III
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           SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums heretofore
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     appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
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     necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
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     Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation
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Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by

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223	or otherwise available to the department for the support of the
224	department, from and after passage and through June 30, 1999
225	\$ 25,000.00.
226	This additional appropriation is provided for additional
227	travel for Disability Determination Service hearing officers.
228	SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
229	the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
230	credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
231	warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
232	Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
233	proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.
234	SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
235	and after July 1, 1999, except Section 7 which shall be in force
236	from and after passage.