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SENATE BILL NO. 3257  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
3 MAINTENANCE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD, FOR FISCAL  
5 YEAR 2001.

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

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; (10) for  
39 the support and maintenance of the Critical Teacher Shortage  
40 Scholarship Program; and (11) for the support and maintenance of  
41 the Department of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year  
42 beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....  
43 .....\$ 23,360,340.00.

44 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
45 necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from  
46 any federal funds, research grants, donations, fees, or other  
47 special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become  
48 available, for: (1) the Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund, in  
49 accordance with Section 37-143-19, Mississippi Code of 1972; (2)  
50 the expenses incurred by the State of Mississippi in accordance  
51 with the terms of contracts between the State of Mississippi and  
52 the Southern Regional Education Board under the Southern Regional  
53 Education Program; (3) the Post-Secondary Education Assistance  
54 Fund, for the purpose of providing loans to students; (4) for the  
55 Public Management Graduate Intern Program; (5) for the support  
56 and maintenance of the Critical Teacher Shortage Scholarship  
57 Program; and (6) for the support and maintenance of the Department  
58 of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
59 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 11,472,394.00.

60 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
61 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of carryover  
62 funds in State Treasury Fund 325E, pursuant to Section 37-106-33,  
63 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the  
64 Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the

65 Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program, for the fiscal year  
66 beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....  
67 .....\$ 67,183.00.

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

73 SECTION 5. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in  
74 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established  
75 by law.

76 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this  
77 act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or  
78 for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the  
79 State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to July 1,  
80 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

81 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
82 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the  
83 Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning  
84 shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and  
85 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding  
86 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified  
87 applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the  
88 number of returning optometry students who received funding under  
89 the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new  
90 entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five  
91 (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering  
92 osteopathic medical students and the number of returning  
93 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the  
94 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of  
95 study.

96 SECTION 7. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the  
97 provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 among the student financial aid

98 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature  
99 that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to  
100 all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of  
101 Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections 37-108-1 through  
102 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

103 SECTION 8. All funds provided for in this act shall be  
104 accounted for in a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and  
105 for what purpose applied, and this statement shall be submitted at  
106 the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days  
107 after the convening thereof. A report of loans made and receipt  
108 of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported. The amount  
109 of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such  
110 report shall include the number of students at each institution  
111 receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance,  
112 and an estimate of the financial requirement of the various loan  
113 programs for the next year. No public or private institution of  
114 higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of  
115 this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans,  
116 shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any  
117 amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official  
118 transcript is requested.

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

122 SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
123 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2002 shall be submitted to  
124 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
125 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
126 during the Fiscal Year 2001 budget request process.

127 SECTION 10. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
128 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
129 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
130 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

131           SECTION 11. Should revenues generated and deposited to the  
132 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1),  
133 Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds appropriated herein  
134 from said source, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
135 Higher Learning shall notify the Department of Finance and  
136 Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced to insure  
137 that expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

138           SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
139 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
140 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
141 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
142 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
143 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

144           SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
145 and after July 1, 2000.