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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3272  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR  
3 FISCAL YEAR 2001.

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

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001  
10 .....\$ 24,097,530.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi  
15 Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning  
16 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....  
17 .....\$ 13,074,274.00.

18 SECTION 3. No general funds authorized to be expended herein  
19 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds  
20 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions  
21 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

22 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
23 Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the  
24 emphasis areas of Agriculture, Home Economics, 4-H, and Community  
25 Resource Development in each county.

26 SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated or authorized

27 to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for  
28 payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who  
29 was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service  
30 pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of  
31 Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such legal  
32 services.

33 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
34 agency's budget request for fiscal year 2002 shall be submitted to  
35 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
36 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
37 during the fiscal year 2001 budget request process.

38 SECTION 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that if the  
39 funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or  
40 indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,  
41 research grants or donations, such special source funds not  
42 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and  
43 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the  
44 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special  
45 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2001  
46 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

47 SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
48 following amounts shall be derived from the Education Enhancement  
49 Fund as follows:

50 (a) One Million Two Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Nine  
51 Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$1,286,943.00)  
52 shall be derived from funds deposited pursuant  
53 to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi  
54 Code of 1972.

55 (b) One Hundred Fifty-two Thousand Sixty-seven  
56 Dollars (\$152,067.00) shall be derived from  
57 funds deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1),  
58 Mississippi Code of 1972.

59 SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance

60 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 61 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 62 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 63 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 64 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 65 performance measures provided below:

	FY2001
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
68 Agriculture & Natural Resources	
69       Published Information (Items)	4,379
70       Mass Media Exposure (Items)	6,768
71       Group Meeting (Meetings)	5,071
72       Volunteers Trained (Persons)	333
73       Educational Contacts (Persons)	905,000
74 Family & Consumer Education	
75       Published Information (Items)	2,957
76       Educational Contacts (Persons)	843,347
77       Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	8.22
78 Enterprise & Community Research Development	
79       Educational Contacts (Persons)	185,000
80       Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	11.19
81 4-H Youth Development	
82       Educational Contacts (Persons)	672,000
83       Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	10.95

84       A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 85 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
 86 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
 87 Committee for Fiscal Year 2002.

88       SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
 89 the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
 90 (\$75,000.00) shall be allocated to the Delta Branch Research and  
 91 Extension Station for a Cotton Specialist and the related  
 92 supportive costs.

93 SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
94 the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure  
95 in Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be  
96 allocated to defray the costs of the Northeast Mississippi Swine  
97 Demonstration Unit located at the Pontotoc Branch Experiment  
98 Station.

99 SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
100 the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an  
101 Extension Beef Specialist position shall be funded.

102 SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
103 the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an Area  
104 Aquaculture Agent for East Central Mississippi shall be funded.

105 SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
106 the funds authorized for expenditures in Section 2, One Hundred  
107 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be allocated to defray  
108 the costs of the Extension Youth Livestock Program at Mississippi  
109 State University.

110 SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
111 the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand  
112 Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated to defray the costs of  
113 operating the Crosby Arboretum.

114 SECTION 16. Should revenues generated and deposited to the  
115 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1),  
116 Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds appropriated herein  
117 from said source, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
118 Higher Learning shall notify the Department of Finance and  
119 Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced to insure  
120 that expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

121 SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
122 the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the  
123 amount of Four Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars  
124 (\$477,000.00) shall be allocated to defray the cost of the Grow  
125 Green Program. Funds for this program shall be allocated to fund

126 a Turf Specialist and an Area Horticulture Specialist.

127 SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
128 of Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be  
129 allocated to defray the costs of a Production Economist at the  
130 Delta Research and Extension Center at Stoneville, Mississippi.

131 SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
132 of Section 1, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall  
133 be allocated to defray the cost of three (3) Poultry Specialists.

134 None of these funds may be expended until an unbiased report  
135 is filed quarterly with the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of  
136 the House, the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and  
137 the House Agriculture Committee that details the status of the  
138 Integrator/Grower relationship and any problems that may arise  
139 relating to that relationship.

140 SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
141 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
142 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
143 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
144 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
145 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

146 SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
147 and after July 1, 2000.