

By: Gordon, Thames, Huggins, Posey, Dearing, To: Appropriations
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SENATE BILL NO. 3280
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001.

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

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, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Veterans Affairs
8 Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending
9 June 30, 2001.....\$ 3,408,918.00.

10 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
12 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans Affairs
13 Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
14 otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance
15 of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and
16 ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 19,895,981.00.

17 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
18 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
19 be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
20 expenditure:

21 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

22 Personal Services:

23	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...\$	2,334,431.00
24	Travel and Subsistence.....	70,000.00
25	Contractual Services.....	19,506,646.00
26	Commodities.....	1,038,822.00

27 Capital Outlay:

28 Other Than Equipment..... 200,000.00

29 Equipment..... 155,000.00

30 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....0.00

31 Total.....\$ 23,304,899.00

32 FUNDING:

33 General Funds.....\$ 3,408,918.00

34 Special Funds.....19,895,981.00

35 Total.....\$ 23,304,899.00

36 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

37 Permanent: Full Time..... 77

38 Part Time..... 0

39 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 0

40 Part Time..... 0

41 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of

42 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to

43 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal

44 Services" for Fiscal Year 2002 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2001

45 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions

46 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2002 budget by the

47 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the

48 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall

49 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all

50 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this

51 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure

52 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual

53 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for "Personal

54 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,

55 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken

56 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected

57 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2001 "Personal Services"

58 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which

59 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation

60 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
61 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

62 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
63 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

64 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
65 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
66 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
67 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

68 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
69 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, funds in
70 the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
71 (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of providing care to
72 indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans in the state veterans
73 homes. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited
74 as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

75 SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
76 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
77 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
78 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
79 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
80 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

81 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
82 and after July 1, 2000.