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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3296

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE  
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION 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 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation  
8 Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by  
9 said commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and  
10 ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 5,386,096.00.

11 SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
12 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
13 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
14 expenditure:

15 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

16 Personal Services:

17 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...\$ 3,476,738.00  
18 Travel and Subsistence..... 165,468.00  
19 Contractual Services..... 1,190,999.00  
20 Commodities..... 78,300.00

21 Capital Outlay:

22 Other Than Equipment..... 5,000.00  
23 Equipment..... 114,591.00  
24 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....355,000.00  
25 Total.....\$ 5,386,096.00

26 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

27	Permanent:	Full Time.....	76
28		Part Time.....	0
29	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
30		Part Time.....	0

31 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
32 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
33 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
34 Services" for Fiscal Year 2002 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2001  
35 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
36 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2002 budget by the  
37 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
38 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
39 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
40 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
41 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
42 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
43 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for "Personal  
44 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,  
45 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken  
46 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected  
47 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2001 "Personal Services"  
48 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
49 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
50 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
51 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

58 SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that with  
59 the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure

60 in Section 2, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission  
61 shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for  
62 the purpose of implementing a safety education and training  
63 program.

64 SECTION 4. With the funds provided herein, it is the intent  
65 of the Legislature that the Workers' Compensation Commission may  
66 transfer a sum or sums not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
67 (\$200,000.00) from the Administrative Expense Fund to the Second  
68 Injury Fund.

69 SECTION 5. With the funds provided herein, it is the intent  
70 of the Legislature that the Workers' Compensation Commission may  
71 transfer a sum or sums not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand  
72 Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Administrative Expense Fund to the  
73 Insurance Integrity Enforcement Bureau within the Office of the  
74 Attorney General.

75 SECTION 6. 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 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2000.