HOUSE BILL NO. 1610
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COMPENSATION TO THE CHICKASAW
CESSION COUNTIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2002.

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department
of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the
Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they
lost through sale by the state, as provided in Sections 29-3-137
through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002............... $ 10,968,962.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under Section 1, the
sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars
($62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts
in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments
from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi
Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to
the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi
Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts
in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in
the manner that such interest payments were distributed during
Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 3. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.