

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2399

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL  
2 COMPLEX WHICH SHALL BE A TEACHING HOSPITAL IN ADDITION TO THE  
3 TEACHING HOSPITAL AT THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER; TO PROVIDE  
4 THAT THE MEDICAL COMPLEX SHALL BE LOCATED AT LORMAN, MISSISSIPPI;  
5 TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEDICAL COMPLEX SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE  
6 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AS A  
7 SATELLITE FACILITY TO THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER; TO PROVIDE  
8 THAT WITHIN TEN YEARS OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE MEDICAL COMPLEX  
9 SHALL BE A COMPREHENSIVE HOSPITAL FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
10 COMPLEX SHALL OFFER FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCIES, AND SHALL BE  
11 OPERATED ON THE BASIS OF CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED; TO PROVIDE  
12 THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TOBACCO  
13 HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND  
14 MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COMPLEX; AND  
15 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

17 SECTION 1. (1) There shall be built, equipped and operated  
18 a teaching hospital, together with all ancillary buildings and  
19 physical facilities needful or proper for the establishment,  
20 operation and maintenance of such a hospital as a part of a fully  
21 accredited medical school, including clinical and out-patient  
22 services and all types of services deemed to be necessary or  
23 desirable, to be established by the Board of Trustees of State  
24 Institutions of Higher Learning and to be known as the Alcorn  
25 State University Medical Complex. There shall also be acquired  
26 and installed all needed equipment and supplies for the proper  
27 operation and maintenance of such teaching and hospital and other  
28 facilities for the purposes aforesaid. There shall be employed  
29 all needed personnel and services to operate said teaching  
30 hospital and other facilities. The Alcorn State University  
31 Medical Complex (teaching hospital) shall be located and built  
32 upon lands owned by the State of Mississippi or otherwise conveyed



33 to the State of Mississippi for this purpose in or near the City  
34 of Lorman, Mississippi.

35 (2) The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
36 Management shall construct the buildings and all other related  
37 facilities for said teaching hospital. When such buildings shall  
38 have been constructed and made ready for occupancy, the lands,  
39 buildings and other improvements erected thereon, shall be  
40 conveyed by the bureau to Alcorn State University, and title to  
41 said property shall be vested in Alcorn State University.

42 (3) The Alcorn State University Medical Complex (teaching  
43 hospital) shall be operated as departments of Alcorn State  
44 University. However, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
45 of Higher Learning shall provide that said teaching hospital shall  
46 be affiliated with the University Medical Center as a satellite  
47 facility of the medical center. At the time of its establishment,  
48 the teaching hospital shall offer a limited number of medical  
49 specialties as determined by the University Medical Center, but  
50 the number of medical specialties offered at the hospital shall be  
51 gradually expanded so that within ten (10) years from the date of  
52 its establishment, it shall be a comprehensive hospital facility  
53 offering substantially all of the medical specialties offered at  
54 University Medical Center, and residencies shall be established at  
55 the new teaching hospital to accomplish this requirement. The  
56 teaching hospital shall offer family medicine residencies from the  
57 date of its establishment.

58 (4) The teaching hospital established under this section  
59 shall be utilized to serve the people of Mississippi generally.  
60 It shall be operated on the basis of charges for services  
61 rendered, but there shall be a reasonable volume of free work;  
62 however, such volume shall never be less than one-half (1/2) of  
63 its respective bed capacity. The income derived from the  
64 operation of the teaching hospital shall be utilized toward the  
65 payment of the operating expenses of the hospital. The teaching



66 hospital and related facilities shall have the power necessary to  
67 enter into group purchasing arrangements as deemed reasonable and  
68 necessary and establish rates and charges on any desirable basis.

69 (5) The Legislature shall appropriate a sum of not less than  
70 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the Health Care  
71 Expendable Fund or any other money deposited in the State Treasury  
72 as may be received by the state as settlement of any of the  
73 litigation in which the State of Mississippi is a plaintiff or  
74 claimant for damages suffered by the state as a result of the use  
75 of tobacco or tobacco products by the residents of the state, Mike  
76 Moore Attorney General ex rel. State of Mississippi v. The  
77 American Tobacco Company et al. (Chancery Court of Jackson County,  
78 Mississippi, Cause No. 94-1429), or from any other sources as may  
79 be available, for the construction and equipping of the Alcorn  
80 State University Medical Complex and any related facilities.

81 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2001.

