SENATE BILL NO. 3101
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE
PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
FOR 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, for the aid and support
of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.................
$ 100,536,691.00.

SECTION 2. (1) The following sum, or so much thereof as may
be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise
appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and
junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and
ending June 30, 2002..........................
$ 25,610,713.00.

(2) The following sum or so much thereof as may be necessary
is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to
the credit of the Budget Contingency Fund created in Senate Bill
No. 2680, Regular Session of 2001, for the aid and support of
public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002........... $ 10,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. The money appropriated by this act shall be
apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

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(1) Aid to Colleges Base 5% of prior year appropriation

Academic 1.0
Technical 1.19
Virtual Community College not more than 1.0

(2) Vocational 0.38

(3) Part-time Academic 0.55

(4) Associate Degree Nursing 1.0

Such Academic, Technical, and Vocational funds shall be disbursed to such public community and junior colleges on the basis of the full-time enrollment of each such public community and junior college as of the last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent of the preceding year, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

Part-time academic credit courses may qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of part-time and summer academic students, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

Virtual Community College courses may qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of virtual community college summer, fall and spring students. The total amount appropriated for the Virtual Community College shall not be more than One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,600,000.00).

The Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, or his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall certify the number to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

If, pending determination of the full-time academic enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided for in this subsection, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall find and determine that any such public or community junior
college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the
necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing
July 1, 2001, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby,
then, in that event, the State Board for Community and Junior
Colleges is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such
public community or junior college or colleges not having
sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds
appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any
such advance to any one public community or junior college shall
not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state
appropriated funds received by such public community or junior
college during the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further,
that the amount of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro
rata part of the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public
community or junior college when enrollment has been ascertained
and distribution of funds is made.

SECTION 4. No part of the amount herein appropriated shall
be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for
administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the
extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the
expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

SECTION 5. The funds disbursed under the provisions of this
act shall be accounted for through the State Board for Community
and Junior Colleges.

SECTION 6. The following public community and junior
colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by
Sections 1 and 2 of this act:

Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,
East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community
College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community
College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,
Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast
Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any public community and junior college employee who is serving as a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 8. 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 Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of hiring nursing and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and allied health student loans and providing instructional support for the Rural Health Corps for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002........... $ 1,200,000.00.

The funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated as follows:

(1) One-half (1/2) divided equally among the fifteen (15) public community and junior colleges.

(2) One-half (1/2) divided upon the basis of the number of full-time academic, technical and vocational public community and junior college students actually enrolled and in attendance on the last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent of the preceding year counting only those students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Office.
SECTION 9. 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, for the aid of the public community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance, for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002. ............................................... $ 11,918,914.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in these sections which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 10. In addition to funds appropriated in Section 9, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.................................... $ 300,000.00.

SECTION 11. 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, for the purpose of establishing and operating One-Stop Career Centers at each of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002............. $ 4,500,000.00.

SECTION 12. 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 Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002......................... $ 179,050.00.
SECTION 13. 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 Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.......................... $ 3,599,160.00.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the cost of servicing the debt on bonds issued for the Education Technology Program at the community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.......................... $ 3,140,828.00.

The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 37-155-5(d)(iii).

SECTION 16. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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Cumulative grade point averages of community college transfer students attending State Institutions of Higher Learning will equal or exceed the Grade Point Averages earned by native students in the same university system (GPA based on a 4.0 scale) 2.75

Average class size range (Students/Class) 16.0–30.0

Percentage of community/junior college associate degree nursing graduates who pass the state board nursing exam on the first write (%) 92.00

Percentage of full-time and adjunct (part-time) faculty who met the criteria for academic and professional preparation (%) 100.00

Percentage of vocational-technical students who complete or exit a program and are considered positively placed (%) 90.00

Total cost per full-time equivalent student ($) $5,000.00

PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATION

Percentage of community/junior colleges with a written comprehensive safety and health program implemented to ensure safe working conditions and practices (%) 100.00

Number of student injuries on community and junior college grounds (Students) 93.00

Number of employee injuries on community and junior college grounds (Employees) 102.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2003.
SECTION 17. 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 Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Golden Triangle Education Center for Manufacturing Technology, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002......................... $ 100,000.00.

SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund No. 4302 in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Community and Junior Colleges, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.........

.......................................................... $ 300,000.00.

SECTION 19. 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 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.