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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3101  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE  
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.

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 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support  
8 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....  
10 ..... \$ 100,536,691.00.

11 SECTION 2. (1) The following sum, or so much thereof as may  
12 be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
13 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
14 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise  
15 appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and  
16 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and  
17 ending June 30, 2002.....  
18 ..... \$ 25,610,713.00.

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

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

27 Formula Section Assigned Weight

28	(1) Aid to Colleges Base	5% of prior year
29		appropriation
30	Academic	1.0
31	Technical	1.19
32	Virtual Community College	not more than 1.0
33	(2) Vocational	.38
34	(3) Part-time Academic	.55
35	(4) Associate Degree Nursing	1.0

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

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

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

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

56 If, pending determination of the full-time academic  
57 enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges  
58 entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided for in  
59 this subsection, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges  
60 shall find and determine that any such public or community junior

61 college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the  
62 necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing  
63 July 1, 2001, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby,  
64 then, in that event, the State Board for Community and Junior  
65 Colleges is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such  
66 public community or junior college or colleges not having  
67 sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds  
68 appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any  
69 such advance to any one public community or junior college shall  
70 not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state  
71 appropriated funds received by such public community or junior  
72 college during the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further,  
73 that the amount of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro  
74 rata part of the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public  
75 community or junior college when enrollment has been ascertained  
76 and distribution of funds is made.

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

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

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

88 Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,  
89 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community  
90 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community  
91 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,  
92 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,  
93 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast

94 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community  
95 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi  
96 Community College.

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

102 SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
103 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
104 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
105 Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of hiring nursing  
106 and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and  
107 allied health student loans and providing instructional support  
108 for the Rural Health Corps for the fiscal year beginning  
109 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 1,200,000.00.

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

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

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

120 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and  
121 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget  
122 Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments  
123 of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual  
124 community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by  
125 the Legislative Budget Office.

126 SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
127 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
128 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public  
129 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,  
130 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for  
131 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.  
132 ..... \$ 11,918,914.00.

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

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

146 SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
147 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
148 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
149 establishing and operating One-Stop Career Centers at each of the  
150 public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning  
151 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 4,500,000.00.

152 SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
153 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
154 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
155 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
156 cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community  
157 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001,  
158 and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 179,050.00.

159 SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
160 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
161 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
162 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
163 cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community  
164 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001,  
165 and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 3,599,160.00.

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

174 The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from  
175 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections  
176 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

177 SECTION 15. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition  
178 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi  
179 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation  
180 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of  
181 enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section  
182 37-155-5(d)(iii).

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

190 Performance Measures FY2002 Target

191 INSTRUCTION

192 Cumulative grade point averages of  
 193 community college transfer students  
 194 attending State Institutions of Higher  
 195 Learning will equal or exceed the  
 196 Grade Point Averages earned by native  
 197 students in the same university system  
 198 (GPA based on a 4.0 scale) 2.75  
 199 Average class size range(Students/Class) 16.0-30.0  
 200 Percentage of community/junior college  
 201 associate degree nursing graduates who  
 202 pass the state board nursing exam on the  
 203 first write (%) 92.00  
 204 Percentage of full-time and adjunct (part-  
 205 time) faculty who met the criteria for  
 206 academic and professional preparation (%) 100.00  
 207 Percentage of vocational-technical students  
 208 who complete or exit a program and are  
 209 considered positively placed (%) 90.00  
 210 Total cost per full-time equivalent student (\$) \$5,000.00  
 211 PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATION  
 212 Percentage of community/junior colleges with a  
 213 written comprehensive safety and health  
 214 program implemented to ensure safe working  
 215 conditions and practices (%) 100.00  
 216 Number of student injuries on community and  
 217 junior college grounds (Students) 93.00  
 218 Number of employee injuries on community and  
 219 junior college grounds (Employees) 102.00  
 220 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 221 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
 222 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
 223 Committee for Fiscal Year 2003.

224 SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
225 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
226 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
227 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
228 cost of the Golden Triangle Education Center for Manufacturing  
229 Technology, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending  
230 June 30, 2002..... \$ 100,000.00.

231 SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
232 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the  
233 Education Enhancement Fund No. 4302 in the State Treasury to the  
234 credit of the Public Community and Junior Colleges, for the fiscal  
235 year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....  
236 ..... \$ 300,000.00.

237 SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
238 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
239 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
240 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
241 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
242 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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