SENATE BILL NO. 3105
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF
THE CONSOLIDATED OPERATION OF THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER,

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 Board of Trustees
of State Institutions of Higher Learning, who is assigned custody
and management of the center: (1) to defray the expenses of
operating and maintaining the Education and Research Center of
Mississippi and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information
System (MARIS), including, but not limited to, the maintenance of
said buildings and grounds and expenses for fuel, water,
electricity, telephones, supplies and salaries for personnel
necessary therefor; and (2) to be used for the support and
maintenance of the University Research Center for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002 . . . . . . . . .

.......................................................... $ 3,284,407.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
funds which are collected by or otherwise become available and
funds available from building use charge for the following
purposes: (1) to defray the expenses of operating and maintaining
the Education and Research Center of Mississippi and the
Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS),
including, but not limited to, the maintenance of said buildings
and grounds, and expenses for fuel, water, electricity,
telephones, supplies and salaries for personnel necessary
therefor; and (2) to be used for the support and maintenance of
the University Research Center for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002........ $ 1,777,493.00.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
act and which are withdrawn and no longer available. Any
transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the
terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

SECTION 3. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. All fees charged and collected by the University
Research Center for services provided by the Mississippi Automated
Resource Information System (MARIS) shall be deposited in a
special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Automated Resource
Information System (MARIS) Revolving Fund." All monies in the
revolving fund shall be used by MARIS exclusively for the support
of MARIS projects and activities.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 shall be submitted to
the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
during the Fiscal Year 2002 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds authorized for expenditure in
Section 2, Four Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Four Hundred
Twelve Dollars ($429,412.00) shall be derived from
the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to
SECTION 7. 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 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.