

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Department of Education - Minimum Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department
10 of Education for the support and maintenance of the common
11 schools of Mississippi and for the Minimum Education Program for
12 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002,
13 as follows:

14 For the support and maintenance

15 of the common schools
16 (Common School Fund)..... \$ 5,000,000.00
17 An additional sum, to be known as
18 the Minimum Education Program Fund,
19 to be disbursed by the State Department
20 of Education in compliance with the laws
21 enacted at the Extraordinary Session
22 of 1953, as amended..... \$1,194,813,955.00
23 Total..... \$1,199,813,955.00
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SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Education Enhancement
 9 Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
 10 1972, to the State Department of Education for the purpose of providing
 11 Fifteen Million Five Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety
 12 Dollars (\$15,565,890.00) for transportation, Five Million Seven Hundred
 13 Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$5,734,831.00) for
 14 teacher assistants, Thirty-three Million Seven Hundred Eighty-three
 15 Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars (\$33,783,301.00) for public school
 16 employee health insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and
 17 ending June 30, 2002\$ 55,084,022.00.

18 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated to the Minimum Education
 19 Program Fund under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, the estimated
 20 amount that shall be expended in each of the following elements of the
 21 Minimum Education Program shall be:

22	District Administration: Salaries.....\$	2,885,577.00
23		Fringe Benefits..... 458,807.00
24	Local Administration: Salaries.....	1,807,650.00
25		Fringe Benefits..... 287,416.00
26	Teacher Compensation:	
27	Regular Units: Salaries.....	590,982,075.00
28		Fringe Benefits..... 93,966,150.00
29	Special Education Units: Salaries.....	133,123,700.00
30		Fringe Benefits..... 21,166,668.00
31	Gifted Education Units: Salaries.....	23,343,309.00
32		Fringe Benefits..... 3,711,586.00

33	Vocational Units:	Salaries.....	32,813,870.00
34		Fringe Benefits.....	5,217,405.00
35	Teacher Assistants:	Salaries.....	46,825,000.00
36		Fringe Benefits.....	7,445,175.00
37	Supportive Services:		
38	Regular:	Salaries.....	122,847,894.00
39		Fringe Benefits.....	19,532,815.00
40		Additional Supportive Services.....	3,442,427.00
41		Insurance.....	125,590,036.00
42	Transportation:	Operations.....	52,265,890.00 Alternative
43	Schools.....		19,719,727.00
44	Extended School Term for		
45	Handicapped Students.....		2,300,000.00
46	Bus Driver Training.....		144,800.00
47	Orthopedic and Aphasic.....		<u>520,000.00</u>
48	Total Cost.....		\$1,310,397,997.00
49	Less: Ad Valorem Tax.....		24,000,000.00
50	Severance Tax.....		1,000,000.00
51	Special Funds: Education Enhancement		
52	Fund - text books and supplies		
53	in accordance with House Bill		
54	No. 776, 2001 Session.....		<u>30,500,000.00</u>
55	Appropriated Amount.....		\$1,254,897,977.00

56 The above sum is intended to provide a level of support for eighteen
57 thousand fifteen (18,015) regular teacher units, four thousand three hundred
58 (4,300) special education teacher units, seven hundred twenty-nine (729)
59 gifted education teacher units, one thousand fifty-eight (1,058) vocational

60 teacher units and five thousand (5,000) teacher assistant units.

61 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the
62 terms, conditions, and procedures established by general law.

63 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to
64 replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for
65 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn
66 and no longer available.

67 The State Department of Education, in reporting expenditures and
68 disbursements to the Legislature, shall report the amounts expended and
69 disbursed in categories corresponding to the elements outlined in this
70 section.

71 SECTION 4. The State Department of Education is authorized to
72 transfer district allotments for insurance separately from regular Minimum
73 Program allotments to insure funds are received by school districts for timely
74 payment of premiums.

75 SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget
76 and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that
77 the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective
78 manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on
79 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the
80 targeted performance measures provided below:

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<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Regular Education	
Teacher Units Funded (Units)	18,015
Teacher Assistants (Persons)	5,000
Cost per Student Served (Dollars)	1,807

87	Special Education	
88	Teacher Units Funded (Units)	4,300
89	Students Served (Persons)	70,400
90	Cost per Student Served (Dollars)	2,546
91	Vocational Education	
92	Teacher Units Funded (Units)	1,058
93	Students Served (Persons)	164,106
94	Cost per Student Served (Dollars)	287
95	Gifted Education	
96	Teacher Units Funded (Units)	729
97	Students Served (Persons)	28,500
98	Cost per Student Served (Dollars)	1,069
99	Alternative Education	
100	Students Served (Persons)	5,075
101	Cost per Student Served (Dollars)	3,489
102	Transportation	
103	Students Transported (Persons)	408,000
104	Cost Per Student Served (Dollars)	128
105	Insurance	
106	Participants (Persons)	48,579
107	Cost Per Participant (Dollars)	2,400
108	Special Programs	
109	Extended School Year Program Students (Persons)	1,200
110	Orthopedic/Aphasic Students (Persons)	100
111	Cost per Orthopedic & Aphasic Student (Dollars)	4,600
112	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above	
113	have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget	

114 request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year
115 2003.

116 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
117 Department of Education be allowed to receive, budget and expend funds
118 from any source available not to exceed Ten Million Dollars
119 (\$10,000,000.00), that may become available to the department in
120 accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
121 Administration.

122 SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under Section 3 of this act, up
123 to Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) may be used by the State
124 Department of Education for the purpose of increasing the salaries of
125 teachers and assistant teachers.

126 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the
127 State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
128 proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the
129 State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants
130 upon requisitions signed by the

131 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

132 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after

133 July 1, 2001.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

Jack Gordon

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