

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. 1612: Appropriation; Schools for the Blind and the Deaf.

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:

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board of
9 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
10 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
11 the Deaf for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
12 June 30, 2002..... \$ 10,336,346.00.

13 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be

14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
15 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of
16 Education for the support of the Mississippi School for the Blind
17 or the Mississippi School for the Deaf which is comprised of
18 special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the
19 schools, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the schools
20 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
21 June 30, 2002..... \$ 964,052.00.

22 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
23 of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are
24 authorized:

25 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

26	Permanent:	Full Time	213
27		Part Time	40
28	Time-Limited:	Full Time	3

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7 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature
8 that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
9 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2003 do
10 not exceed Fiscal Year 2002 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless
11 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2003 budget
12 by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative
13 Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the
14 projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance
15 with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
16 head to insure that no single personnel action increases this projected
17 annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation for "Personal
18 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month, the State
19 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken action(s) which
20 would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal
21 Year 2002 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then
22 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the
23 appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board
24 until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

31 None of the funds herein provided shall be expended to hire any

32 person on a contractual basis, for any period for any purpose, without the
33 express prior approval of the State Personnel Director. The State Personnel
34 Director shall consider, in approving such contracts, the availability of funds,
35 the need for services, compliance with the State Compensation Plan and
36 the qualifications of the persons offering to perform the services. The State
37 Fiscal Officer shall not pay any warrant that is in violation of this section.

38 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi
39 School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf shall maintain
40 complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
41 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same
42 format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2001. The
43 Department of Finance and Administration shall insure that financial controls
44 comparable to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2001 are maintained throughout
45 Fiscal Year 2002 for this agency. The State Personnel Board shall insure
46 that personnel controls and records comparable to those utilized for Fiscal
47 Year 2001 are maintained throughout Fiscal Year 2002 for this agency. It is
48 further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for
49 Fiscal Year 2003 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
50 Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
51 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2002 budget request process.

52 SECTION 5. With the funds provided herein, it is the intention of the
53 Legislature that the academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the
54 Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
55 increment.

56 SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the
57 State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
58 proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the

59 State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants
60 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the
61 manner provided by law.

62 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
63 July 1, 2001.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

Jack Gordon

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Joseph L. Warren

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