

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. 1626: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services - Consolidated.

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:

4 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
7 Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 8,196,944.00.

9 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
11 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of

12 Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source
 13 funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for
 14 the support of the various offices of the department, for the
 15 purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the
 16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002....
 17 \$ 95,759,822.00.

18 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 19 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
 20 Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for
 21 the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of
 22 Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
 23 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 4,227,878.00.

24 The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

25 Fully match all available federal
 26 funds.....\$2,938,357.00
 27 Independent Living Program which
 28 includes the State Attendant
 29 Care Program.....\$1,150,000.00
 30 Independent Living Program...\$ 39,901.00
 31 Deaf and hard of hearing.....\$ 87,587.00
 32 Funding positions\$ 8,708.00
 33 Older blind grant.....\$ 3,325.00

34 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
35 of Sections 1, 2 and 3, not more than the amounts set forth below
36 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
37 expenditure:

38 OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

39 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

40 Personal Services:

41	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits . \$	19,551,128.00
42	Travel and Subsistence.....	749,438.00
43	Contractual Services.....	3,711,809.00
44	Commodities.....	306,706.00
45	Capital Outlay:	
46	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
47	Equipment.....	450,573.00
48	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>18,983,622.00</u>
49	Total..... \$	43,753,276.00

50 FUNDING:

51	General Funds..... \$	5,779,323.00
52	Special Funds.....	<u>37,973,953.00</u>
53	Total..... \$	43,753,276.00

54 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

55 Permanent: Full Time 439

78 Time-Limited: Full Time 38
 79 Part Time 0

80 OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE BLIND

81 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

82 Personal Services:

83	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits . \$	3,499,043.00
84	Travel and Subsistence.....	139,422.00
85	Contractual Services.....	734,584.00
86	Commodities.....	79,874.00
87	Capital Outlay:	
88	Other Than Equipment.....	15,000.00
89	Equipment.....	237,794.00
90	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>5,825,436.00</u>
91	Total..... \$	10,531,153.00

92 FUNDING:

93	General Funds..... \$	1,280,446.00
94	Special Funds.....	<u>9,250,707.00</u>
95	Total..... \$	10,531,153.00

96 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

97 Permanent: Full Time 84
 98 Part Time 0
 99 Time-Limited: Full Time 5

101 The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall
102 remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars
103 (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for
104 payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the
105 Rehabilitation Services Administration.

106 OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

107 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

108 Personal Services:

109	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits . \$	1,508,461.00
110	Travel and Subsistence.....	53,000.00
111	Contractual Services.....	461,453.00
112	Commodities.....	37,860.00
113	Capital Outlay:	
114	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
115	Equipment.....	32,095.00
116	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
117	Total..... \$	2,092,869.00

118 FUNDING:

119	General Funds..... \$	0.00
120	Special Funds.....	<u>2,092,869.00</u>
121	Total..... \$	2,092,869.00

122 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

123	Permanent:	Full Time	29
124		Part Time	0
125	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
126		Part Time	0

127 SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM

128 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

129 Personal Services:

130	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits . \$	45,000.00
131	Travel and Subsistence.....	20,000.00
132	Contractual Services.....	15,000.00
133	Commodities.....	5,000.00
134	Capital Outlay:	
135	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
136	Equipment.....	0.00
137	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>5,214,117.00</u>
138	Total..... \$	5,299,117.00

139 FUNDING:

140	General Funds..... \$	0.00
141	Special Funds.....	<u>5,299,117.00</u>
142	Total..... \$	5,299,117.00

143 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

144 Permanent: Full Time 1
 145 Part Time 0
 146 Time-Limited: Full Time 0
 147 Part Time 0

148 SPECIAL DISABILITY PROGRAM

149 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

150 Personal Services:

151	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits . \$	1,001,680.00
152	Travel and Subsistence	43,000.00
153	Contractual Services	40,000.00
154	Commodities	7,250.00
155	Capital Outlay:	
156	Other Than Equipment	0.00
157	Equipment	0.00
158	Subsidies, Loans and Grants	<u>11,719,996.00</u>
159	Total	\$ 12,811,926.00

160 FUNDING:

161	General Funds	\$ 1,137,175.00
162	Special Funds	<u>11,674,751.00</u>
163	Total	\$ 12,811,926.00

164 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

165 Permanent: Full Time 23

166		Part Time	0
167	Time-Limited:	Full Time	2
168		Part Time	0

169 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
170 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
171 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
172 Services" for Fiscal Year 2003 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2002
173 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
174 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2003 budget by the
175 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
176 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
177 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
178 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
179 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
180 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
181 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation for "Personal
182 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
183 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
184 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
185 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2002 "Personal Services"
186 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions
187 which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation

188 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
189 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

190 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive
191 Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may
192 transfer between the various offices authorized herein both funds
193 and positions not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the receiving
194 office in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in
195 accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972,
196 Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of
197 Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for
198 the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department
199 of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the
200 month prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further
201 the intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under
202 the provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature
203 and that in no case shall the transfers be made which
204 substantially alter the legislative intent for the various
205 offices as set forth in the original appropriations made under
206 this act.

207 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
208 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which
209 are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of

210 this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

211 SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that one (1)
212 new Office Director I position be created in the Support Services
213 budget; that PIN 0108 be removed from Exclude 16 status (non-
214 state service) and changed to state service status in the
215 Vocational Rehabilitation Services budget; and PIN 0382 be
216 reallocated from a Division Director II to a Staff Officer II in
217 the Vocational Rehabilitation Services budget. This PIN shall be
218 Exclude 16 status (non-state service).

219 SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein
220 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
221 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are
222 received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi
223 Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for
224 construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year
225 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....
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\$ 4,000,000.00.

5 SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other
6 person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile
7 or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any
8 department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon
9 the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or
10 institution thereof.

11 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be
12 owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77
13 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

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

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

21 July 1, 2001.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

Jack Gordon

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