

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

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

S. B. No. 3101: Appropriation; Jr. Colleges - Support.

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

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
  
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

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  
12 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
13 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-

14 75 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  
 20 necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
 21 Treasury to the credit of the Budget Contingency Fund created in  
 22 Senate Bill No. 2680, Regular Session of 2001, for the aid and  
 23 support of public community and junior colleges for the fiscal  
 24 year beginning 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:

<u>Formula Section</u>	<u>Assigned Weight</u>
(1) Aid to Colleges Base	5% of prior year appropriation
Academic	1.0
Technical	1.0
Virtual Community College	not more than 1.0
(2) Vocational	.38
(3) Part-time Academic	.55
(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. Part-  
42   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  
47   of the prior year full-time equivalency of virtual community  
48   college summer, fall and spring students. The total amount  
49   appropriated for the Virtual Community College shall not be more  
50   than One 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

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

78 SECTION 4. No part of the amount herein appropriated shall  
79 be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for

80 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the  
81 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the  
82 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

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

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

89 Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,  
90 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community  
91 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community  
92 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,  
93 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,  
94 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast  
95 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community  
96 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi  
97 Community College.

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

102 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

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

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

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

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

121 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and  
122 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget  
123 Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments

124 of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual  
125 community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed  
126 by the Legislative Budget Office.

127 SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
128 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
129 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the  
130 public community and junior colleges, to fund life and health  
131 insurance, for all employees of the public community and junior  
132 colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending  
133 June 30, 2002.....  
134 ..... \$ 11,918,914.00.

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

140 SECTION 10. In addition to funds appropriated in Section 9,  
141 the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is  
142 hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover  
143 Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health  
144 insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health  
145 Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college

146 employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending  
147 June 30, 2002..... \$ 300,000.00.

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

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

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

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

176 The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from  
177 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections  
178 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

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

190 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the  
191 targeted performance measures provided below:

192 Performance Measures FY2002 Target

193 INSTRUCTION

194	Cumulative grade point averages of	
195	community college transfer students	
196	attending State Institutions of Higher	
197	Learning will equal or exceed the	
198	Grade Point Averages earned by native	
199	students in the same university system	
200	(GPA based on a 4.0 scale)	2.75
201	Average class size range(Students/Class)	16.0-30.0
202	Percentage of community/junior college	
203	associate degree nursing graduates who	
204	pass the state board nursing exam on the	
205	first write (%)	92.00
206	Percentage of full-time and adjunct (part-	
207	time) faculty who met the criteria for	
208	academic and professional preparation (%)	100.00
209	Percentage of vocational-technical students	
210	who complete or exit a program and are	
211	considered positively placed (%)	90.00

212 Total cost per full-time equivalent student (\$) \$5,000.00

213 PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATION

214 Percentage of community/junior colleges with a  
215 written comprehensive safety and health  
216 program implemented to ensure safe working  
217 conditions and practices (%) 100.00

218 Number of student injuries on community and  
219 junior college grounds (Students) 93.00

220 Number of employee injuries on community and  
221 junior college grounds (Employees) 102.00

222 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
223 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in  
224 the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative  
225 Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2003.

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

233 SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be

234 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the  
235 Education Enhancement Fund No. 4302 in the State Treasury to the  
236 credit of the Public Community and Junior Colleges, for the  
237 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002....  
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\$ 300,000.00.

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

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

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Jack Gordon

Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Jim C. Barnett

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