

**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. 3103: Appropriation; Student Financial Aid.

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:

7           SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees  
10 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and  
11 maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs  
12 authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of  
13 Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office  
14 of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning  
15 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$       27,849,543.00.

16 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
17 necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from  
18 any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special  
19 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
20 for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship,  
21 loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the  
22 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of  
23 the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal  
24 year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....  
25 ..... \$ 9,875,675.00.

26 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
27 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of carryover  
28 funds in State Treasury Fund 325E, pursuant to Section 37-106-33,  
29 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the  
30 Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the  
31 Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program, for the fiscal year  
32 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....  
33 ..... \$ 625,486.00.

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SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Health Care  
 9 Expendable Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of  
 10 State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and maintenance of the  
 11 Medical Education Loan/Scholarship Program for the fiscal year beginning  
 12 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002 .....\$ 400,000.00.

13 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
 14 Section 2, One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00)  
 15 shall be derived from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Senate Bill  
 16 No. 2680, Regular Session of 2001.

17 SECTION 6. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in  
 18 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

19 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this act for  
 20 the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or for the benefit of  
 21 any student who enters a school outside the State of Mississippi for the first  
 22 time, subsequent to July 1, 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine  
 23 or dentistry.

24 SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds  
 25 appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the Board of Trustees of the  
 26 State Institutions of Higher Learning shall expend from the support of the  
 27 out-of-state graduate and professional studies program an amount not  
 28 exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of  
 29 qualified applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the  
 30 number of returning optometry students who received funding under the  
 31 program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new entering  
 32 chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five (25) chiropractic

33 students overall; and seven (7) new entering osteopathic medical students  
34 and the number of returning osteopathic medical students who received  
35 funding under the program during the preceding school year, for these  
36 courses of study.

37 SECTION 8. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the  
38 provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 among the student financial aid  
39 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that priority  
40 shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to all students eligible for  
41 financial aid under the provisions of Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7  
42 and Sections 37-108-1 through 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

43 SECTION 9. All funds provided for in this act shall be accounted for in  
44 a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and for what purpose applied,  
45 and this statement shall be submitted at the next regular session of the  
46 Legislature within ten (10) days after the convening thereof. A report of  
47 loans made and receipt of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported.

48 The amount of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such  
49 report shall include the number of students at each institution receiving  
50 financial assistance and the amount of such assistance, and an estimate of  
51 the financial requirement of the various loan programs for the next year. No  
52 public or private institution of higher learning receiving funds under the  
53 respective provisions of this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship  
54 grants or loans, shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have  
55 any amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official transcript is  
56 requested.

57 Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be reported and  
58 otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section  
59 37-143-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

60           SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's  
61 budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 shall be submitted to the Joint  
62 Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to  
63 the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2002 budget  
64 request process.

65           SECTION 11. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as  
66 a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with  
67 Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section  
68 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

69           SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the  
70 State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the  
71 proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the  
72 State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants  
73 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the  
74 manner provided by law.

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

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Jack Gordon

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