HOUSE BILL NO. 1796
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003........ $ 7,389,612.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of
Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds
collected by or otherwise available to the department for the
support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose
of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003...................
..................... $ 101,715,592.00.

Of the funds provided in this section, the amount of Fourteen
Thousand Twenty-eight Dollars ($14,028.00) shall be derived from
the Budget Contingency Fund.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the
purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of
Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003........ $ 6,427,878.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:
Fully match all available federal funds..................$5,138,357.00

Independent Living Program which includes the State Attendant Care Program.............$1,150,000.00

Independent Living Program...$ 39,901.00

Deaf and hard of hearing.....$ 87,587.00

Funding positions .............$ 8,708.00

Older blind grant..............$ 3,325.00

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

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. $ 19,219,925.00

Travel and Subsistence.............. 750,000.00

Contractual Services............... 3,750,000.00

Commodities.......................... 330,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment................. 0.00

Equipment............................ 460,000.00

Subsidies, Loans and Grants......... 19,985,683.00

Total................................. $ 44,495,608.00

FUNDING:

General Funds......................... $ 5,203,560.00

Special Funds........................ 39,292,048.00

Total................................. $ 44,495,608.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time................. 433

Part Time......................... 8

Time-Limited: Full Time............. 95
### Office of Disability Determination Services

**Major Objects of Expenditure:**

**Personal Services:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits</td>
<td>$12,923,138.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travel and Subsistence</td>
<td>$225,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contractual Services</td>
<td>$9,051,964.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Commodities</td>
<td>$523,390.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Capital Outlay:**

- Other Than Equipment: $0.00
- Equipment: $1,000,000.00

**Subsidies, Loans and Grants: $10,288,445.00**

**Total: $34,011,937.00**

**Funding:**

- General Funds: $0.00
- Special Funds: $34,011,937.00

**Total: $34,011,937.00**

**Authorized Positions:**

- Permanent: Full Time: 295
- Part Time: 20
- Time-Limited: Full Time: 38
- Part Time: 0

---

### Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind

**Major Objects of Expenditure:**

**Personal Services:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits</td>
<td>$3,421,906.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travel and Subsistence</td>
<td>$139,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contractual Services</td>
<td>$800,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Commodities</td>
<td>$85,000.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Capital Outlay:**

- Other Than Equipment: $13,000.00
- Equipment: $250,000.00

**Subsidies, Loans and Grants: $6,161,627.00**
Total................................ $ 10,870,533.00

FUNDING:

General Funds......................... $ 1,165,096.00
Special Funds.............................. 9,705,437.00
Total................................ $ 10,870,533.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Perman... Full Time............ 83
Part Time........... 0
Time-Limited: Full Time............ 5
Part Time........... 2

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

OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. $ 1,622,278.00
Travel and Subsistence................. 53,000.00
Contractual Services.................... 446,700.00
Commodities............................ 50,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment................. 0.00
Equipment................................ 35,000.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants............ 0.00

Total................................ $ 2,206,978.00

FUNDING:

General Funds......................... $ 0.00
Special Funds.............................. 2,206,978.00
Total................................ $ 2,206,978.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time............ 27
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>0127</th>
<th>0128</th>
<th>0129</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Part Time</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time-Limited: Full Time</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Part Time</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM**

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

**Personal Services:**

- Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits: $38,300.00
- Travel and Subsistence: $20,000.00
- Contractual Services: $25,000.00
- Commodities: $5,000.00

**Capital Outlay:**

- Other Than Equipment: $0.00
- Equipment: $3,000.00

**Subsidies, Loans and Grants:** $6,765,088.00

**Total:** $6,856,308.00

**FUNDING:**

- General Funds: $0.00
- Special Funds: $6,856,308.00

**Total:** $6,856,308.00

**AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

- Permanent: Full Time: 1
- Part Time: 0
- Time-Limited: Full Time: 0
- Part Time: 0

**SPECIAL DISABILITY PROGRAM**

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

**Personal Services:**

- Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits: $837,847.00
- Travel and Subsistence: $43,000.00
- Contractual Services: $77,000.00
- Commodities: $10,000.00

**Capital Outlay:**

- Other Than Equipment: $0.00
Equipment ........................................... 20,000.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants ................... 16,103,871.00
Total ........................................ $ 17,091,718.00

FUNDING:
General Funds ...................................... $ 1,020,956.00
Special Funds ...................................... 16,070,762.00
Total ........................................ $ 17,091,718.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
Permanent: Full Time .................. 23
Part Time .................. 0
Time-Limited: Full Time .................. 2
Part Time .................. 0

Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the
Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars ($600.00),
whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003
funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or
pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi
Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget
Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish
separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002, data,
for the period of July 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, and
January 1, 2003, through June 30, 2003, that project the annual
cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with
the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for
"Personal Services," as annualized on a semiannual basis in
accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any
calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the
agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed
this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal
Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with
the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce
the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement
will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as
the requirements of this provision are met.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive
Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may transfer
between the various offices authorized herein both funds and
positions not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the receiving
office in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in
accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972,
Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of
Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for the
transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of
Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month
prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further the
intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under the
provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and
that in no case shall the transfers be made which substantially
alter the legislative intent for the various offices as set forth
in the original appropriations made under this act.

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

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are
received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi
Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.................. $ 4,000,000.00.

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

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

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

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.