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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3143  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
3 MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS  
4 AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL  
5 YEAR 2003.

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

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 of  
14 Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,  
15 and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 27,520,933.00.

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, loan  
21 and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the  
22 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the  
23 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year  
24 beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....  
25 ..... \$ 8,574,340.00.

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, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....  
33 ..... \$ 648,561.00.

34 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
35 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Health  
36 Care Expendable Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of  
37 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support  
38 and maintenance of the Medical Education Loan/Scholarship Program  
39 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30,  
40 2003..... \$ 400,000.00.

41 **SECTION 5.** Any transfers or escalations shall be made in  
42 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established  
43 by law.

44 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this  
45 act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or  
46 for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the  
47 State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to July 1,  
48 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

49 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
50 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the  
51 Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning  
52 shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and  
53 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding  
54 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified  
55 applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the  
56 number of returning optometry students who received funding under  
57 the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new  
58 entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five  
59 (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering  
60 osteopathic medical students and the number of returning  
61 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the



62 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of  
63 study.

64         **SECTION 7.** In the allocation of funds appropriated under the  
65 provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 among the student financial  
66 aid programs included herein, it is the intention of the  
67 Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first  
68 allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under the  
69 provisions of Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections  
70 37-108-1 through 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

71         **SECTION 8.** All funds provided for in this act shall be  
72 accounted for in a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and  
73 for what purpose applied, and this statement shall be submitted at  
74 the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days  
75 after the convening thereof. A report of loans made and receipt  
76 of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported. The amount  
77 of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such  
78 report shall include the number of students at each institution  
79 receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance,  
80 and an estimate of the financial requirement of the various loan  
81 programs for the next year. No public or private institution of  
82 higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of  
83 this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans,  
84 shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any  
85 amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official  
86 transcript is requested.

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

90         **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
91 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2004 shall be submitted to  
92 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
93 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
94 during the Fiscal Year 2003 budget request process.



95           **SECTION 10.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
96 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
97 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
98 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

99           **SECTION 11.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
100 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
101 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
102 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
103 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
104 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

105           **SECTION 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
106 and after July 1, 2002.

