To: Appropriations

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2002

Senator(s) Gordon, Thames, Burton, Frazier, Chaney, Dawkins, Dearing, Farris, Posey, Scoper

SENATE BILL NO. 3144

(As Sent to Governor)


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, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of The University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003................................. $ 125,038,150.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of The University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003................. $ 544,017,272.00.

SECTION 3. Any escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.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 4. With the funds appropriated and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School
of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the
School of Health Related Professions, the Teaching Hospital and
the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi
Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature
an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in
this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

SECTION 5. Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it
is the intent of the Legislature to enhance recognition of
excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting
qualified registered nurses.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the
funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to
provide medical services on behalf of any state agency,
institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that
such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the
hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the
rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or
political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the
charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event
that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital
shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution,
or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been
paid.

SECTION 7. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for
Fiscal Year 2004 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2003
budget request process.
SECTION 9. Of the funds authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Three Million Eight Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars ($3,854,830.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. 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 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.