

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Schools for the Blind and the Deaf.

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

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board of
9 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
10 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
11 the Deaf for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
12 June 30, 2003..... \$ 10,463,632.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
15 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of
16 Education for the support of the Mississippi School for the Blind
17 or the Mississippi School for the Deaf which is comprised of
18 special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the
19 schools, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the schools
20 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
21 June 30, 2003..... \$ 968,023.00.

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

26 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

27 Personal Services:

28	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	8,776,460.00
29	Travel and Subsistence.....		113,572.00
30	Contractual Services.....		1,681,406.00
31	Commodities.....		428,071.00
32	Capital Outlay:		
33	Other Than Equipment.....		70,500.00
34	Equipment.....		341,082.00
35	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>20,564.00</u>
36	Total.....	\$	11,431,655.00
37	FUNDING:		
38	General Funds.....	\$	10,463,632.00
39	Special Funds.....		<u>968,023.00</u>
40	Total.....	\$	11,431,655.00

41 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

42	Permanent:	Full Time	213
43		Part Time	40
44	Time-Limited:	Full Time	3
45		Part Time	0

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

51 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
52 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
53 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
54 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003
55 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or
56 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi
57 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget
58 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish
59 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data,
60 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and
61 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual
62 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with
63 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the

64 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
65 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for
66 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in
67 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any
68 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the
69 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed
70 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal
71 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with
72 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce
73 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement
74 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as
75 the requirements of this provision are met.

76 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
77 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by general law.

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

82 None of the funds herein provided shall be expended to hire
83 any person on a contractual basis, for any period for any purpose,
84 without the express prior approval of the State Personnel
85 Director. The State Personnel Director shall consider, in
86 approving such contracts, the availability of funds, the need for
87 services, compliance with the State Compensation Plan and the
88 qualifications of the persons offering to perform the services.
89 The State Fiscal Officer shall not pay any warrant that is in
90 violation of this section.

91 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
92 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
93 the Deaf shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records
94 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this
95 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of
96 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2002. The Department of
97 Finance and Administration shall insure that financial controls
98 comparable to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2002 are maintained
99 throughout Fiscal Year 2003 for this agency. The State Personnel

100 Board shall insure that personnel controls and records comparable
101 to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2002 are maintained throughout
102 Fiscal Year 2003 for this agency. It is further the intention of
103 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
104 2004 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
105 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
106 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2003 budget request
107 process.

108 **SECTION 5.** With the funds provided herein, it is the
109 intention of the Legislature that the academic teachers at the
110 Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the
111 Blind shall receive their annual increment.

112 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
113 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
114 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
115 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
116 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
117 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

118 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
119 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Jack Gordon

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