

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. 3143: 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 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.

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