SENATE BILL NO. 2678
(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, to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Board and for the aid and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

$ 118,308,008.00.

SECTION 2. 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 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, and any other special source funds herein made available to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Board and for the aid and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

$ 68,249,858.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and allocated to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, funds are provided for the following purposes:
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<td>Administrative expenses of the board ...........................................</td>
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<td>Aid and support of the public and community junior colleges ...................</td>
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<td>Hiring nursing and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and</td>
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<td>allied health student loans, and providing instructional support for the</td>
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<td>and junior colleges ....................................................................</td>
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<td>Establishing and operating One-Stop Career Centers at each public community</td>
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<td>and junior college ......................................................................</td>
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<td>Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration Fund for:</td>
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<td>Regulation and administration of the Mississippi Proprietary School and</td>
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<td>College Registration ...................................................................</td>
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<td>Workforce Carryover Fund for:</td>
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<td>(c) Workforce Carryover Fund for:</td>
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Administrative expenses of the board............$ 1,000,000.00

(d) Community College Network Fees for:

Administrative expenses of the board............$ 125,000.00

(e) Duplicate transcripts and duplicate diploma issuance fees for:

Administrative expenses of the board............$ 100,000.00

(f) Workforce On-Line Training Program fees for:

Administrative expenses of the board............$ 300,000.00

(g) Education Enhancement Fund for:

Aid and support of public community and junior colleges.............................$ 27,415,398.00

Servicing debt on bonds issued for the Education Technology Program.........................$ 3,148,591.00

Total Education Enhancement Funds...........$ 30,563,989.00

(h) Insurance Carryover Fund No. 3295 for:

Fully funding life and health insurance for all employees of the public community and junior colleges........................$ 200,000.00

(i) Budget Contingency Funds for:

Administrative expenses of the board............$ 8,210,168.00

Aid and support for public community and junior colleges............................$ 15,289,832.00

Total Budget Contingency Funds.............$ 23,500,000.00

(j) Other Special Source Funds for:

Administrative expenses of the board............$ 12,400,869.00

SECTION 4. With the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time.................. 41

Part Time.................. 1

Time-Limited: Full Time.................. 0

Part Time.................. 0
SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and allocated to paying administrative expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, funds in the amount of Fourteen Million Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-two Dollars ($14,563,432.00) are provided for the Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in this section. All industrial training program commitments made in Fiscal Year 2004 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon funds available in this section and any proposed commitments shall be approved by the Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, or the Executive Director's designee prior to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program commitments shall be made and based only upon training services provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations made July 1, 2003, or after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to this date.

SECTION 6. The funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and allocated for the purpose of hiring nursing and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and allied health student loans, and providing instructional support for the Rural Health Corps shall be allocated as follows:

(1) One-half (1/2) divided equally among the fifteen (15) public community and junior colleges.

(2) One-half (1/2) divided upon the basis of the number of full-time academic, technical and vocational public community and junior college students actually enrolled and in attendance on the last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent of the preceding year counting only those students who reside within the State of Mississippi.
The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 7. The funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and allocated for funding life and health insurance for all employees of the public community and junior colleges shall only be used to participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, and any of these funds which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 8. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi resident for the purposes of participating in funds appropriated herein to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 37-155-5(d)(iii).

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend funds from any source in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 10. The funds appropriated in this act for the aid and support of the public and community junior colleges shall be apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

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<td>4/5 Headcount</td>
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(1) Aid to Colleges:

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<th>Base</th>
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<td>Part-time</td>
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In the 4/5 Headcount Formula, such Academic, Technical, and Vocational funds shall be disbursed to such public community and junior colleges on the basis of the full-time enrollment of each such public community and junior college as of the last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent of the preceding year, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi. Part-time academic vocational and technical credit courses may qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of part-time and summer students, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

Virtual Community College hosted and provided courses may qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of virtual community college hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters that did not make a student full-time in the fall semester.

In the 1/5 FTE Formula, such Academic, Technical, Vocational, Associate Degree Nursing and Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public community and junior college as
of the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi. However, Associate Degree Nursing students who reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay purposes.

Of the funds appropriated in this act for the aid and support of the public community and junior colleges, funds up to Six Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Dollars ($692,000.00) are provided to be set aside as a mechanism to hold harmless those colleges that lose funding in the first year of a five year phase-in implementation period to a full-time equivalency (FTE) funding formula.

The Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, or his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall certify the number to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided for in this subsection, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall find and determine that any such public or community junior college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2003, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that event, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to any one public community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state appropriated funds received by such public community or junior college during
the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount
of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of
the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or
junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and
distribution of funds is made.

SECTION 11. No part of the amount herein appropriated for
the aid and support of public community and junior colleges shall
be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for
administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the
extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the
expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

SECTION 12. The following public community and junior
colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided in
this act for the aid and support of public community and junior
colleges:

Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,
East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community
College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community
College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,
Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast
Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community
College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi
Community College.

SECTION 13. 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 Board of Trustees
of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of
support, maintenance, and repairs at the state-supported
institutions of higher learning, those being Mississippi State
University, University of Mississippi, Mississippi University for
Women, University of Southern Mississippi, Delta State University,
Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi
Valley State University, and programs operated by those institutions; for support of student financial aid programs authorized by law; for support of the University Research Center, the Education and Research Center, the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees, the Mississippi Volunteer Commission; and related programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004 .........................$ 469,946,479.00.

SECTION 14. 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 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or any institution or program administered by the Board; and out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds, not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the state-supported institutions of higher learning, those being Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, Mississippi University for Women, University of Southern Mississippi, Delta State University, Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi Valley State University, and programs operated by those institutions; for support of student financial aid programs authorized by law; for support of the University Research Center, the Education and Research Center, the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees, the Mississippi Volunteer Commission; and related programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004 .........................$ 1,025,003,324.00.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and allocated to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, funds are provided for the following purposes:

(a) State General Funds for:

General support, maintenance, and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher
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<td>Executive Office of the Board of Trustees, the University Research Center and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS)</td>
<td>$5,363,642.00</td>
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<td>College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University</td>
<td>$10,598,652.00</td>
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<td>University of Mississippi Medical Center</td>
<td>$126,394,258.00</td>
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<td>Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service</td>
<td>$19,084,655.00</td>
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<td>Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry</td>
<td>$17,226,060.00</td>
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<td>Mississippi Forest and Wildlife Research</td>
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<td>Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs</td>
<td>$3,746,832.00</td>
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<td>Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute</td>
<td>$387,178.00</td>
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<td>Mississippi Law Research Institute</td>
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<td>Gulf Coast Research Laboratory</td>
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<td>Water Resources Institute</td>
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<td>Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory</td>
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<td>Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Science</td>
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<td>Polymer Institute</td>
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<td>Stennis Institute of Government</td>
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Total...................................... $469,946,479.00

(b) Education Enhancement Funds for:

General support, maintenance, and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning ................................... $37,159,988.00

College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi

State University........................................... $603,725.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center ........ $3,854,830.00
Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service ....... $1,222,596.00
Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station ......................... $1,461,204.00
Mississippi Forest and Wildlife Research Center ............................................................... $322,193.00
Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs .. $21,097.00
Executive Office of the Board of Trustees, the University Research Center and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS) ....................... $495,742.00
Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute........................................... $24,035.00
Mississippi Law Research Institute....................... $54,913.00
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory............................ $196,650.00
Water Resources Institute........................................ $8,740.00
Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory.............. $161,595.00
Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Science.... $100,510.00
Stennis Center for Higher Learning.................... $95,000.00
Commission for Volunteer Services...................... $92,150.00
Stennis Institute of Government......................... $46,550.00

Total.......................................................... $45,921,518.00

(c) Budget Contingency Funds for:

General support, maintenance, and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning .................. $41,019,792.00
Financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid..............................$ 3,602,567.00

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees, the University Research Center and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS)...........................................$ 544,017.00

College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University......................................................$ 2,300,000.00

University of Mississippi Medical Center........$ 16,572,614.00

Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service ....$ 1,876,722.00

Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station...............................................................$ 1,788,000.00

Mississippi Forest and Wildlife Research Center..........................................................$ 332,077.00

Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs ..$ 630,745.00

Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute.................................................................$ 52,010.00

Mississippi Law Research Institute..........................$ 119,754.00

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.................................$ 45,123.00

Water Resources Institute..............................................$ 4,550.00

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory..............$ 96,460.00

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Science ...$ 106,094.00

Supercomputer..............................................................$ 261,781.00

Polymer Institute......................................................$ 56,978.00

Small Business Development Center.......................$ 16,542.00

Stennis Center for Higher Learning......................$ 5,283.00

Jackson State University Urban Research Center ....$ 14,779.00

Commission for Volunteer Services.............................$ 94,499.00

Stennis Institute of Government............................$ 33,771.00

Total..............................................................................$ 69,574,158.00
(d) State Court Education Program Funds in the State Treasury for:

State Court Education Program ....................... $ 1,467,049.00

(e) Mississippi Alcohol Safety Program Funds in the State Treasury for:

Mississippi Alcohol Safety Program ............... $ 150,000.00

(f) Carryover Fund No. 325E for:

Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant and Mississippi Eminent Scholar Grant Programs.$ 650,000.00

(g) Health Care Expendable Funds for:

Support and maintenance of the Medical Education Loan/Scholarship Program ........ $ 200,000.00

(h) Other Special Source Funds for:

General support, maintenance, and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning................................. $ 340,080,352.00

Financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid............... $ 7,646,404.00

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees, the University Research Center and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS) .......................................................... $ 24,141,630.00

College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University................................. $ 4,641,259.00

University of Mississippi Medical Center ........ $ 475,147,845.00

Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service ...... $ 13,494,680.00

Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station................................. $ 6,407,974.00

Mississippi Forest and Wildlife Research Center.$ 766,560.00

Mississippi Alcohol Safety Program .......... $ 1,076,491.00
Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute .................................. $8,595,387.00
Mississippi Law Research Institute .................................. $352,636.00
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory .................................. $1,774,771.00
Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory .......................... $390,000.00
Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Science .......... $7,305,162.00
Polymer Institute ................................................... $38,667.00
Small Business Development Center .......................... $835,772.00
Commission for Volunteer Services .......................... $8,301,433.00
Stennis Institute of Government .......................... $143,576.00

Total ......................................................... $901,140,599.00

(i) Ayers Endowment Interest Fund No. 3258 for:
The purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for:
Alcorn State University ........................................ $300,000.00
Jackson State University ........................................ $300,000.00
Mississippi Valley State University ........................ $300,000.00

Total ......................................................... $900,000.00

(j) Ayers Settlement Fund, created by House Bill No. 1471, 2001 Regular Session, for:
Establishing an Ayers settlement endowment fund to comply with the Settlement Agreement in the case of Ayers v. Musgrove ........................ $5,000,000.00

SECTION 16. Upon the Ayers Settlement Agreement becoming final and effective according to its terms (including, but not limited to, the exhaustion of all rights to appeal), it is the intention of the Legislature that the Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) appropriated in this act from the Ayers Settlement Fund, created by House Bill No. 1471, 2001 Regular Session, is hereby authorized for use by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of establishing an Ayers settlement endowment fund to comply with the Settlement Agreement in the case of Ayers v. Musgrove.
SECTION 17. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with Ayers-related programs at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University; interest on the Ayers Endowment Fund and any other Ayers-related activities associated with the implementation of the Remedial Decree of the District Courts $ 14,246,000.00.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that upon the Ayers Settlement Agreement becoming final and effective according to its terms (including, but not limited to, the exhaustion of all rights to appeal), funds necessary to comply with the Ayers Settlement Agreement shall be appropriated in the next Legislative Session.

SECTION 19. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2) or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers. The board of trustees shall insure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intent of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.
SECTION 20. Of the State General Funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the general support and maintenance of the state-supported institutions, the amount of One Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($157,500.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor’s School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor’s School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a three-week tuition-free program.

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall compile and publish the report of the statewide evaluation committee on the leadership impact of graduates of this school. This report is to be a continuing study on the youthful leadership of the state.

SECTION 21. Of the State General Funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the general support and maintenance of the state-supported institutions, the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($225,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 22. Of the State General Funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the general support and maintenance of the state-supported institutions, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

(a) For Mississippi State University as interest
on agricultural land script fund and interest

on the sale of university land..............$14,387.00

(b) For the University of Mississippi as interest

on the original seminary fund............$32,643.00

(c) For the University of Mississippi as interest

on the 1904 land grant fund..............$9,965.00

(d) For the University of Mississippi as interest

on the LaBauve Fund......................$1,420.00

(e) For the Mississippi University for Women as

interest on funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land

donated to the Industrial Institute and

College by the United States Government.....$9,389.00

(f) For Alcorn State University as interest on

land script and land sales funds............$12,592.00

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided herein for support of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate for Sea Grants matching One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($175,000.00) for the Fiscal Year 2004.

Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea Grant match.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that after the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional services
from the funds provided herein for the laboratory's support if any charges for such services previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due. After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall ensure that none of the funds apportioned in this act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to July 1, 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the State General Funds provided herein for financial aid programs authorized by law, the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the number of returning optometry students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering osteopathic medical students and the number of returning osteopathic medical students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year, for these courses of study.

SECTION 27. In the allocation of funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for financial aid programs authorized by law, it is the intention of the Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for financial aid programs authorized by law shall be accounted for in a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and for what purpose applied, and this statement shall be submitted at the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days after the convening thereof. A report of loans made and receipt of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported. The amount of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such report shall include the number of students at each institution receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance, and an estimate of the financial requirement of the various loan programs for the next year. No public or private institution of higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans, shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official transcript is requested. Furthermore, all such funds received and expended shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-143-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 29. It is the intention of the Legislature that all fees charged and collected by the University Research Center for services provided by the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS) shall be deposited in a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS) Revolving Fund." All monies in the revolving fund shall be used by MARIS exclusively for the support of MARIS projects and activities.

SECTION 30. With the funds provided herein for the support of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the following
shall be maintained: 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 31. 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 32. Of the funds provided herein for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, 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 33. With the funds provided herein to the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the emphasis areas of Agriculture, Home Economics, 4-H, and Community Resource Development in each county.

SECTION 34. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds provided herein for the Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs, none shall be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Agribusiness Council.
SECTION 35. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
the funds provided herein for the Alcorn State University
Agricultural Programs, an amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
($200,000.00) shall be used for the Mississippi Natural Products
Association, Incorporated.

SECTION 36. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall
first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray
the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported
institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 37. It is the intention of the Legislature that none
of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State
Institutions of Higher Learning shall be expended for any purpose
that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of
the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State
Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of
any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees,
that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state
or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or
federal law.

SECTION 38. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
Higher Learning shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of
both houses of the Mississippi Legislature by January 1, 2004, a
consolidated report for all the several institutions under its
jurisdiction, on forms and in a manner to be prescribed by the
Legislative Budget Committee, which reflects the anticipated
current restricted fund revenues for the 2004 fiscal year, and the
budgeted use of such current restricted funds by major object
category. For purposes of this section, the term "current
restricted funds" shall be defined as those public funds available
for financing university operations which are limited by the
donor, or by an agency external to the Board of Trustees of State
Institutions of Higher Learning, to specific purposes, programs,
departments or schools, but shall not include endowment funds or private gifts exempted under the provisions of Section 27-103-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 39.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

**SECTION 40.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions shall ensure that no state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting; and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

**SECTION 41.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall be spent to defray tuition cost or subsidize in any way the direct cost of education, ordinarily paid by the student, of any nonresident alien enrolled in any state-supported institution of higher learning in the State of Mississippi. However, this will not apply to any nonresident alien student if the United States has a reciprocal agreement with their country on subsidizing the education of a United States citizen student.

**SECTION 42.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

**SECTION 43.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall...
ensure that 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 44. It is the intention of the Legislature that none
of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for
increased charges for State Employee and Teacher Health Insurance
premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and
Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for
the health insurance plan.

SECTION 45. It is the intention of the Legislature that no
State General Funds authorized to be expended in this act 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 46. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the Board of
Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall maintain
complete accounting and personnel records related to the
expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this
act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of
details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2003. It is further the
intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal
Year 2005 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 2004 budget
request process.

SECTION 47. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended
to defray the costs of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Studies
at Mississippi State University...............$ 3,500,000.00.
SECTION 48. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided to the Mississippi Military Communities Council to assist in consulting efforts associated with Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) ............................................ $ 200,000.00.

SECTION 49. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and reallocation efforts at those universities ...... $ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 50. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch .....................

.................. $ 200,000.00.

SECTION 51. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development initiatives.......................... $ 100,000.00.

SECTION 52. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, it is the intention of the Legislature that the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided to establish a Director of Nursing and Health Care Programs at the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.......................... $ 150,000.00.

SECTION 53. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, it is the intention of the Legislature that the following amount, or so much
thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided to Jackson State
University for transfer to the Mississippi Technology Alliance,
and this amount shall be in addition to any amount allocated to
Jackson State University for the support of on-campus and off-
campus operations........................................ $ 500,000.00.

SECTION 54. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, it is the
intention of the Legislature that the following amount, or so much
thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided to the Delta State
University Department of Commercial Aviation....... $ 50,000.00.

SECTION 55. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
amount shall be allocated to the Greenville Higher Education
Center.................................................... $ 250,000.00.

SECTION 56. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Presidents of Jackson State University, Mississippi State
University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of
Southern Mississippi may transfer funds of the subsidiary budgets
at each university in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of
the authorized budgets of each subsidiary budget to another
subsidiary budget or to the general support of the university.

SECTION 57. In addition to all other sums heretofore
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Budget Contingency
Fund for the purpose of assisting the Mississippi Military
Communities Council in consulting efforts for Base Realignment and
Closure (BRAC) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003...........
.................................................................$ 83,333.00.

SECTION 58. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
the State Treasurer out of any money in 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
818 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers
819 in the manner provided by law.

820 **SECTION 59.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
821 and after July 1, 2003, except that Section 57 shall take effect
822 and be in force from and after its passage.