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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2929

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003 AND  
3 2004.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as  
6 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
7 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the  
8 expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the  
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004  
10 ..... \$ 11,082,869.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and  
14 Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred  
15 in the operation of the various offices of the department for the  
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....  
17 ..... \$ 16,510,604.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
19 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

20 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21	Permanent:	Full Time.....	330
22		Part Time.....	2
23	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
24		Part Time.....	0

25 Provided that a report based on expenditures incurred during  
26 the current and immediate-past fiscal years shall be provided to  
27 each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should



28 reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E.  
29 Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and  
30 Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School  
31 Building, the 301 Building and other state buildings, and this  
32 report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

33 It is also the intention of the Legislature that no  
34 state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for  
35 official business only.

36 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
37 Section 2, the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or  
38 so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended for premium  
39 payments for flood insurance on state-owned facilities. However,  
40 no such premium shall be paid until reviewed and approved by the  
41 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Said  
42 payments are to be made from accrued interest earnings from loans  
43 under the Disaster Assistance Program.

44 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein  
45 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
46 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
47 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tort Claims Fund  
48 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board  
49 in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year  
50 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....  
51 ..... \$ 9,444,283.00.

52 **SECTION 6.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
53 of Section 5, the following positions are authorized:

54 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

55	Permanent:	Full Time.....	6
56		Part Time.....	0
57	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
58		Part Time.....	0

59 **SECTION 7.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
60 appropriated, and contingent upon passage of Senate Bill No. 2628,



61 Regular Session of 2003, the following sum is hereby appropriated  
 62 out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tort  
 63 Claims Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort  
 64 Claims Board in administering the Medical Malpractice Insurance  
 65 Availability Plan, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2628, for the  
 66 period beginning upon passage and through June 30, 2004.....  
 67 ..... \$ 500,000.00.

68 With the funds appropriated under the provisions of this  
 69 section, the following positions are authorized:

70 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

71	Permanent:	Full Time.....	0
72		Part Time.....	0
73	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
74		Part Time.....	0

75 SECTION 8. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the  
 76 intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's  
 77 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
 78 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not  
 79 exceed Fiscal Year 2004 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
 80 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
 81 2005 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
 82 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
 83 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
 84 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
 85 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
 86 agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases  
 87 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004  
 88 appropriation for "Personal Services" when annualized. If, at the  
 89 end of any calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines  
 90 that the agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency  
 91 to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004  
 92 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only  
 93 those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the



94 appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel  
95 Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are  
96 met.

97 Any transfers within each specific budget or escalations  
98 shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and  
99 procedures established by law.

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

104 **SECTION 9.** The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
105 Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly  
106 authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state,  
107 local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of  
108 construction and/or repairs and renovation projects.

109 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
110 following amounts are authorized to be spent out of the Statewide  
111 Cost Allocation Fund No. 3143 by the Department of Finance and  
112 Administration:

113 (a) Two Hundred Fifty-two Thousand Fifty Dollars  
114 (\$252,050.00) for the purpose of defraying computer expenses.

115 (b) Six Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand One Hundred  
116 Ninety-four Dollars (\$628,194.00) for the purpose of defraying the  
117 cost of the acquisition, development and implementation of the  
118 Statewide Automated Accounting System.

119 (c) One Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Four Hundred  
120 Dollars (\$183,400.00) for implementation and operation of an  
121 imaging/electronic processing system and records management.

122 (d) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for paying  
123 utility costs for the Capitol Complex.

124 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
125 Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) is authorized to  
126 be spent out of the Local Disaster Loan Fund No. 3144 by the



127 Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of  
128 defraying the cost of the Air Transport Services.

129       **SECTION 12.** The Office of Capitol Facilities, Department of  
130 Finance and Administration, is hereby expressly authorized and  
131 empowered to receive funds from state agencies for the rent of  
132 office space in the Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi,  
133 Mississippi, and the State Service Center in Hattiesburg,  
134 Mississippi. The Office of Capitol Facilities is further  
135 authorized and empowered to budget and expend any such funds  
136 received to operate and maintain, and up to Five Dollars (\$5.00)  
137 per square foot of rental receipts to finish tenant space, in the  
138 Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the State  
139 Service Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as state office  
140 buildings. Monies received for rent of such office space are to  
141 be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury. Any funds  
142 on hand at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State  
143 General Fund.

144       **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
145 Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete  
146 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
147 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
148 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
149 Year 2003. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
150 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2005 shall be  
151 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
152 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
153 provided during the Fiscal Year 2004 budget request process.

154       **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
155 Department of Finance and Administration is hereby authorized to  
156 accept, budget and expend funds, not to exceed Five Hundred  
157 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), from any source in accordance with  
158 rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and



159 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
160 federal funds.

161         **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
162 Department of Finance and Administration may utilize funds  
163 appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 to hire  
164 architects and engineers as required and approved by the State  
165 Personnel Board. Such adjustment shall not increase the projected  
166 annual cost to fully fund all positions.

167         **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
168 of the funds appropriated in this act shall be expended if the  
169 Department of Finance and Administration charges premium rates for  
170 the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan to state  
171 agencies, state employees or teachers, including dependents of  
172 state employees or teachers, in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003  
173 rates charged.

174         **SECTION 17.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
175 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
176 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
177 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
178 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
179 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

180         **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
181 and after July 1, 2003, except for Section 7 which shall take  
182 effect and be in force from and after its passage.

