To: Appropriations

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2003

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Thames, Cuevas, Lee, Dawkins, Kirby, Scoper, Simmons

SENATE BILL NO. 2947
(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 funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004........ $ 939,672.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the agency, for the support and maintenance of the agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004................ $ 3,577,277.00.

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

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. $ 2,420,433.00
Travel and Subsistence................ 54,000.00
Contractual Services....................... 417,805.00
Commodities................................ 101,377.00
Capital Outlay:
  Other Than Equipment...................... 0.00
  Equipment............................... 70,000.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.............. 1,453,334.00
Total................................ $ 4,516,949.00

FUNDING:
General Funds............................ $ 939,672.00
Special Funds............................ 3,577,277.00
Total................................ $ 4,516,949.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
Permanent: Full Time............ 49
Part Time............ 0
Time-Limited: Full Time............ 12
Part Time............ 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004
funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the
Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal
Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"
appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or 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. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency may, upon
the request of a local public emergency management organization in
an area which has suffered a natural disaster, supply equipment to
rural water associations to enable their continued operation when
the local emergency management organization determines that such
private entities provide services essential to the welfare of the
community.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall
provide enhanced training to local governments, supervisors,
mayors, civil defense groups and municipal associations in
disaster management.

SECTION 6. 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 Mississippi
Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of defraying certain
administrative expenses and the state share of the cost of
disaster assistance programs, including but not being limited to,
public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs,
and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2003, and ending June 30, 2004........$ 1,733,732.00.
SECTION 7. 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 Mississippi Emergency Management
Agency Fund Nos. 3724, 3725, 3728 and 372U for the purpose of
defraying certain administrative expenses and the state and
federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs,
including but not being limited to, public assistance programs,
individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for
the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30,
$114,300,177.00.

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated under the provisions of
Sections 6 and 7 are provided to defray certain administrative
expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster
assistance programs, including public assistance programs,
individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs
resulting from, but not being limited to, the following:
September 1998 Hurricane Georges #1251
December 1998 Ice Storm #1265
February and March 2001 Tornado Disasters #1360
April 2001 Floods #1365
June 2001 Tropical Storm Allison #1382
November 2001 Tornado/Flood #1398
October 2002 Tropical Storm Isidore #1436
November 2002 Tornado (Columbus/MUW) #1443
Hazard Mitigation Programs
Emergency Preparedness Programs

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated in Section 6 shall
be used to establish a special reserve fund in the State Treasury
for disaster relief except as provided for in Sections 43-41-1 et

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2005 shall be submitted to
the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
SECTION 11. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act shall be under the direction of the Governor and 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 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, 2003.