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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2959

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE  
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION FOR  
3 FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Employment Security  
8 Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by  
9 said commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and  
10 ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 109,075,393.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
12 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
13 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
14 expenditure:

15 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

16 Personal Services:

17 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 43,799,844.00  
18 Travel and Subsistence..... 1,338,914.00  
19 Contractual Services..... 15,852,650.00  
20 Commodities..... 2,275,507.00

21 Capital Outlay:

22 Other Than Equipment..... 20,324,582.00  
23 Equipment..... 7,261,023.00  
24 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 18,222,873.00  
25 Total..... \$ 109,075,393.00

26 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

27 Permanent: Full Time..... 795



28	Part Time.....	365
29	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
30	Part Time.....	0

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

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

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

58 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
59 Section 1, the following sum shall be derived from money in the  
60 Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under



61 Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, to the  
62 Employment Security Commission to be deposited in the Employment  
63 Security Administration Fund for use by the Employment Security  
64 Commission, under the direction of the Office of Building, Grounds  
65 and Real Property Management to acquire lands and construct  
66 buildings thereon or improve existing buildings to be used as  
67 offices, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending  
68 June 30, 2004..... \$ 19,319,582.00.

69 The funds authorized in this Section shall be requisitioned  
70 by the Employment Security Commission from the Unemployment Trust  
71 Fund maintained by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United  
72 States as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under  
73 this appropriation, and such monies shall be deposited in the  
74 Employment Security Administration Fund in accordance with the  
75 provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972.

76 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, a total of  
77 Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is provided for the  
78 purpose of constructing and/or lease purchasing a new headquarters  
79 facility for the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, and  
80 paying for any costs associated with the construction of  
81 facilities. The funds authorized in this section shall be under  
82 the direction of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
83 Management.

84 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
85 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for  
86 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance  
87 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and  
88 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for  
89 the health insurance plan.

90 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
91 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
92 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
93 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



94 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
95 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

96       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
97 and after July 1, 2003.

