

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1552: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services - Consolidated.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
7 Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 7,282,777.00.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
11 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of
12 Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds
13 collected by or otherwise available to the department for the
14 support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose
15 of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
17 \$ 108,017,056.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
19 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
20 Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the
21 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of
22 Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning
23 July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 7,277,878.00.

24 The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

25 Fully match all available federal

26 funds.....\$5,500,390.00

27 Independent Living Program which

28 includes the State Attendant

29 Care Program.....\$1,689,901.00

30 Deaf and hard of hearing.....\$ 87,587.00

31 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
32 Sections 1, 2 and 3, not more than the amounts set forth below
33 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
34 expenditure:

35 **OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

36 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

37 Personal Services:

38 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 20,083,779.00

39 Travel and Subsistence..... 750,000.00

40 Contractual Services..... 3,800,000.00

41 Commodities..... 330,000.00

42 Capital Outlay:

43 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00

44 Equipment..... 389,577.00

45 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 20,296,145.00

46 Total..... \$ 45,649,501.00

47 FUNDING:

48 General Funds..... \$ 5,134,280.00

49 Special Funds..... 40,515,221.00

50 Total..... \$ 45,649,501.00

51 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

52 Permanent: Full Time 433

53 Part Time 8

54 Time-Limited: Full Time 98

55 Part Time 2

56 **OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES**

57 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

58 Personal Services:

59 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 13,412,336.00

60 Travel and Subsistence..... 225,000.00

61 Contractual Services..... 9,051,964.00

62	Commodities.....		523,390.00
63	Capital Outlay:		
64	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
65	Equipment.....		1,000,000.00
66	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>10,788,445.00</u>
67	Total.....	\$	35,001,135.00

68 FUNDING:

69	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
70	Special Funds.....		<u>35,001,135.00</u>
71	Total.....	\$	35,001,135.00

72 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

73	Permanent:	Full Time	295
74		Part Time	20
75	Time-Limited:	Full Time	38
76		Part Time	0

77 **OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE BLIND**

78 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

79 Personal Services:

80	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	3,648,860.00
81	Travel and Subsistence.....		139,000.00
82	Contractual Services.....		900,000.00
83	Commodities.....		85,000.00
84	Capital Outlay:		
85	Other Than Equipment.....		13,000.00
86	Equipment.....		265,000.00
87	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>6,280,332.00</u>
88	Total.....	\$	11,331,192.00

89 FUNDING:

90	General Funds.....	\$	1,144,855.00
91	Special Funds.....		<u>10,186,337.00</u>
92	Total.....	\$	11,331,192.00

93 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

94	Permanent:	Full Time	83
95		Part Time	0
96	Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
97		Part Time	2

98 The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall
 99 remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars
 100 (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for
 101 payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the
 102 Rehabilitation Services Administration.

103 **OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

104 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

105 Personal Services:

106	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	1,560,572.00
107	Travel and Subsistence.....	62,000.00
108	Contractual Services.....	510,000.00
109	Commodities.....	53,000.00
110	Capital Outlay:	
111	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
112	Equipment.....	35,000.00
113	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
114	Total..... \$	2,220,572.00

115 FUNDING:

116	General Funds..... \$	0.00
117	Special Funds.....	<u>2,220,572.00</u>
118	Total..... \$	2,220,572.00

119 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

120	Permanent:	Full Time	26
121		Part Time	0
122	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
123		Part Time	0

124 **SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM**

125 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

126 Personal Services:

127	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	114,195.00
128	Travel and Subsistence.....	20,000.00
129	Contractual Services.....	100,000.00
130	Commodities.....	13,000.00
131	Capital Outlay:	
132	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
133	Equipment.....	10,000.00

134 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 8,625,902.00

135 Total..... \$ 8,883,097.00

136 FUNDING:

137 General Funds..... \$ 0.00

138 Special Funds..... 8,883,097.00

139 Total..... \$ 8,883,097.00

140 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

141 Permanent: Full Time 2

142 Part Time 0

143 Time-Limited: Full Time 0

144 Part Time 0

145 **SPECIAL DISABILITY PROGRAM**

146 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

147 Personal Services:

148 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 1,109,734.00

149 Travel and Subsistence..... 52,000.00

150 Contractual Services..... 120,000.00

151 Commodities..... 25,000.00

152 Capital Outlay:

153 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00

154 Equipment..... 30,000.00

155 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 18,155,480.00

156 Total..... \$ 19,492,214.00

157 FUNDING:

158 General Funds..... \$ 1,003,642.00

159 Special Funds..... 18,488,572.00

160 Total..... \$ 19,492,214.00

161 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

162 Permanent: Full Time 23

163 Part Time 0

164 Time-Limited: Full Time 9

165 Part Time 0

166 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
167 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
168 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
169 Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004

170 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
171 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the
172 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
173 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
174 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
175 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
176 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
177 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
178 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal
179 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
180 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
181 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
182 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"
183 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
184 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
185 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
186 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

187 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive
188 Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may transfer
189 between the various offices authorized herein both funds and
190 positions not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the receiving
191 office in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in
192 accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972,
193 Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of
194 Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for the
195 transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of
196 Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month
197 prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further the
198 intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under the
199 provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and
200 that in no case shall the transfers be made which substantially
201 alter the legislative intent for the various offices as set forth
202 in the original appropriations made under this act.

203 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
204 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
205 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this

206 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

207 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein
208 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
209 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are
210 received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi
211 Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for
212 construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year
213 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
214 \$ 4,000,000.00.

215 **SECTION 6.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
216 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
217 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
218 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
219 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
220 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

221 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles
222 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
223 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

224 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds in Sections 1, 2 and 3, the
225 Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services through the
226 Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind is authorized to
227 expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars
228 (\$100,000.00) for the National Federation for the Blind (NFB)
229 Newslines service to allow blind and visually impaired persons to
230 access newspapers through toll-free telephone calls.

231 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
232 Section 2, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) shall be derived
233 from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301,
234 Mississippi Code of 1972.

235 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
236 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
237 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
238 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
239 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
240 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

241 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

242 and after July 1, 2003.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Bobby Moody

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Frank Hamilton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Jack Gordon

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