

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1410

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-76-129, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE PORTION OF THE STATE REVENUE DERIVED FROM
3 GAMING LICENSE FEES WHICH IS DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND
4 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE ONLY FOR THE SUPPORT OF
5 PUBLIC EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12, THE
6 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND THE COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR
7 COLLEGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 75-76-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 [Through June 30, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

12 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month all
13 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
14 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
15 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of (a) the local
16 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, and (b) an amount
17 equal to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of the revenue
18 collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
19 75-76-177(1)(c), or an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%)
20 of the revenue collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
21 75-76-177(1)(c), whichever is the greater amount, shall be paid by
22 the State Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited in
23 the State General Fund. The local government fees shall be
24 distributed by the State Tax Commission pursuant to Section
25 75-76-197. An amount equal to Three Million Dollars
26 (\$3,000,000.00) of the revenue collected during that month
27 pursuant to the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(c) shall be
28 deposited by the State Tax Commission into the bond sinking fund
29 created in Section 65-39-3. The revenue collected during that

30 month pursuant to the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(c)
31 that is in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), but is
32 less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of revenue
33 collected during that month, shall be deposited into the State
34 Highway Fund to be used exclusively for the reconstruction and
35 maintenance of highways of the State of Mississippi. All monies
36 deposited into the State General Fund under this section shall be
37 appropriated by the Legislature only for the support of public
38 education in kindergarten through Grade 12, the institutions of
39 higher learning, and the community and junior colleges.

40 **[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as**
41 **follows:]**

42 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month, all
43 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
44 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
45 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of the local
46 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, shall be paid by
47 the State Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited in
48 the State General Fund. The local government fees shall be
49 distributed by the State Tax Commission pursuant to Section
50 75-76-197. All monies deposited into the State General Fund under
51 this section shall be appropriated by the Legislature only for the
52 support of public education in kindergarten through Grade 12, the
53 institutions of higher learning, and the community and junior
54 colleges.

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2004.