

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 647

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 27-103-213, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT THE  
3 APPROPRIATION BILLS THAT PROVIDE THE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN  
4 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS NOT LATER THAN SPECIFIC DATES DURING THE  
5 REGULAR SESSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
8 27-103-213, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 27-103-213. (1) Beginning with the 2006 Regular Session and  
10 each succeeding regular session, the Legislature shall enact the  
11 appropriation bills that provide the annual funding and support  
12 during the next fiscal year for the agencies and programs  
13 specified in subsection (2) of this section, and transmit the  
14 signed, enrolled versions of those bills to the Governor not later  
15 than February 23 in a ninety-day session and not later than March  
16 26 in a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

17 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply  
18 to the appropriation bills for the Adequate Education Program and  
19 other primary and secondary education programs, the Department of  
20 Education, the state institutions of higher learning, the  
21 community/junior colleges, the Department of Mental Health and the  
22 Division of Medicaid.

23 (3) This section does not apply to separate appropriation  
24 bills that provide additional funding during the current fiscal  
25 year for any of the agencies or programs specified in subsection  
26 (2) of this section.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 2005.