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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3115

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000.00 TO PAY THE COST OF REPAIRING DAMAGE  
3 TO THE RASPET FLIGHT RESEARCH LABORATORY THAT OCCURRED AS A RESULT  
4 OF A WINDSTORM ON JANUARY 13, 2005; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the following words shall  
7 have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly  
8 requires otherwise:

9 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date  
10 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
11 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
12 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
13 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
14 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
15 maturity.

16 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the  
19 "2005 Mississippi State University Raspet Flight Research  
20 Laboratory Repair and Renovation Fund" is created within the State  
21 Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as  
22 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General  
23 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at  
24 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General  
25 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in  
26 the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

27 (b) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed,  
28 in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration,

29 to pay the costs of repairing damage to the Raspet Flight Research  
30 Laboratory that occurred as a result of a windstorm on January 13,  
31 2005.

32 (2) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be  
33 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in subsection  
34 (1) of this section. Promptly after the commission has certified,  
35 by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in  
36 subsection (1) of this section shall have been completed,  
37 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts  
38 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt  
39 service on the bonds issued under this act, in accordance with the  
40 proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed  
41 by the commission.

42 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting  
43 through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
44 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and  
45 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the  
46 expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The  
47 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be  
48 under the direction of the Department of Finance and  
49 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State  
50 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants  
51 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director  
52 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

53 **SECTION 3.** (1) The commission, at one time, or from time to  
54 time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of  
55 general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide  
56 funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes  
57 described in Section 2 of this act. Upon the adoption of a  
58 resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
59 declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the  
60 general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the  
61 Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified

62 copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon  
63 receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may  
64 act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds,  
65 advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so  
66 authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary  
67 and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such  
68 bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this act shall not  
69 exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00).  
70 No bonds shall be issued under this act from and after July 1,  
71 2008.

72 (2) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the  
73 special fund created in Section 2 of this act shall be used to pay  
74 debt service on bonds issued under this act, in accordance with  
75 the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

76 **SECTION 4.** The principal of and interest on the bonds  
77 authorized under this act shall be payable in the manner provided  
78 in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in  
79 such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or  
80 rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,  
81 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places  
82 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature  
83 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25)  
84 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such  
85 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall  
86 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in  
87 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the  
88 commission.

89 **SECTION 5.** The bonds authorized by this act shall be signed  
90 by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature,  
91 and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,  
92 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest  
93 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by  
94 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such

95 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign  
96 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who  
97 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery  
98 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such  
99 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds  
100 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all  
101 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially  
102 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to  
103 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may  
104 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,  
105 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of  
106 the State of Mississippi.

107       **SECTION 6.** All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
108 provisions of this act have all the qualities and incidents of  
109 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform  
110 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this act,  
111 the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with  
112 the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

113       **SECTION 7.** The commission shall act as the issuing agent for  
114 the bonds authorized under this act, prescribe the form of the  
115 bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds so  
116 authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such  
117 issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and  
118 advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds.  
119 The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that  
120 are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds  
121 authorized under this act from the proceeds derived from the sale  
122 of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed  
123 bids at public sale, and for such price as it may determine to be  
124 for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such  
125 sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest  
126 to the date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. All  
127 interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable

128 semiannually or annually; however, the first interest payment may  
129 be for any period of not more than one (1) year.

130 Notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at  
131 least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of  
132 sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers  
133 published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson,  
134 Mississippi, and in one or more other newspapers or financial  
135 journals with a national circulation, to be selected by the  
136 commission.

137 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
138 this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of  
139 Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the  
140 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or  
141 dates named therein.

142 **SECTION 8.** The bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
143 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the  
144 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of  
145 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by  
146 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the  
147 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency  
148 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State  
149 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain  
150 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of  
151 this section.

152 **SECTION 9.** Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the  
153 provisions of this act, the commission shall transfer the proceeds  
154 of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in Section 2  
155 of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely  
156 upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration  
157 under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the  
158 resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

159 **SECTION 10.** The bonds authorized under this act may be  
160 issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other

161 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and  
162 things which are specified or required by this act. Any  
163 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the  
164 provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its  
165 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted  
166 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority  
167 of its members.

168       **SECTION 11.** The bonds authorized under the authority of this  
169 act may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial  
170 District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the  
171 force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi  
172 Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school  
173 district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by  
174 such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or  
175 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

176       **SECTION 12.** Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions  
177 of this act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto  
178 may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or  
179 other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted  
180 under this act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and  
181 compel performance of all duties required by this act to be  
182 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and  
183 interest thereon.

184       **SECTION 13.** All bonds issued under the provisions of this  
185 act shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries,  
186 and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies  
187 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such  
188 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and  
189 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state  
190 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose  
191 of securing the deposit of public funds.

192           **SECTION 14.** Bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
193 and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the  
194 State of Mississippi.

195           **SECTION 15.** The proceeds of the bonds issued under this act  
196 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including  
197 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

198           **SECTION 16.** The State Treasurer is authorized, without  
199 further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance  
200 and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department  
201 of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
202 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
203 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
204 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this act; and the State  
205 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated  
206 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to  
207 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates  
208 thereof.

209           **SECTION 17.** This act shall be deemed to be full and complete  
210 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this  
211 act shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any  
212 existing law of this state.

213           **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
214 and after its passage.