

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3081

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Veterans Affairs
8 Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending
9 June 30, 2006..... \$ 1,326,456.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
12 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans Affairs
13 Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
14 otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance
15 of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and
16 ending June 30, 2006..... \$ 23,502,981.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
18 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
19 be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
20 expenditure:

21 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

22 Personal Services:

23 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 11,641,884.00
24 Travel and Subsistence..... 45,971.00
25 Contractual Services..... 11,305,914.00
26 Commodities..... 1,764,168.00

27 Capital Outlay:

28 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00
29 Equipment..... 21,500.00

30 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 50,000.00
 31 Total..... \$ 24,829,437.00

32 FUNDING:

33 General Funds..... \$ 1,326,456.00
 34 Special Funds..... 23,502,981.00
 35 Total..... \$ 24,829,437.00

36 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

37 Permanent: Full Time..... 68
 38 Part Time..... 0
 39 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 353
 40 Part Time..... 37

41 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
 42 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
 43 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
 44 Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006
 45 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
 46 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the
 47 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
 48 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
 49 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
 50 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
 51 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
 52 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
 53 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal
 54 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
 55 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
 56 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
 57 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
 58 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"
 59 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
 60 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
 61 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
 62 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

63 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
 64 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or

65 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
66 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
67 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
68 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
69 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
70 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
71 appropriated level.

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

76 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
77 Sections 1 and 2, funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty
78 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of
79 providing care to indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans and the
80 non-veteran surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the
81 surviving spouse was a resident of a state veterans home at the
82 time of the veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's
83 death, meets the indigent/low-income criteria established by the
84 State Veterans Affairs Board, in the state veterans homes. It is
85 the intention of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to
86 use of indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for
87 any such period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a
88 current surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section
89 and its provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R.
90 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

91 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
92 Section 2, Six Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Four Hundred
93 Seventy-two Dollars (\$621,472.00) shall be derived from the Health
94 Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi
95 Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the Veterans'
96 Affairs Board.

97 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
98 Veterans Affairs Board shall maintain complete accounting and
99 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds

100 appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such
101 records shall be in the same format and level of details as
102 maintained for Fiscal Year 2005. It is further the intention of
103 the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2007 shall
104 be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
105 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
106 provided during the Fiscal Year 2006 budget request process.

107 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
108 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
109 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
110 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
111 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
112 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

113 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
114 and after July 1, 2005.

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