

By: Representatives Brown,
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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL
4 YEAR 2006.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006,
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
16 Division..... \$ 61,893,895.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....
20 \$ 68,477,975.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,
24 as provided in Section 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code
25 of 1972..... \$ 9,249,612.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28 \$ 1,693,410,541.00.

29 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
30 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
31 the Mississippi School for the Deaf..... \$ 9,264,396.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

33 BY THIS SECTION BEING..... \$ 1,842,296,419.00.

34 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
35 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
36 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or
37 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following
38 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending
39 June 30, 2006, as follows:

40 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
41 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and
42 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
43 Division..... \$ 655,836,662.00.

44 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
45 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
46 Division of the State Department of Education.....
47 \$ 24,080,438.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
50 Program..... \$ 211,414,636.00.

51 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
52 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
53 the Mississippi School for the Deaf..... \$ 999,063.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

55 BY THIS SECTION BEING..... \$ 892,330,799.00.

56 **SECTION 3.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
57 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
58 Treasury to the credit of the Budget Contingency Fund created in
59 Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise
60 appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other
61 educational activities, including certain agencies and programs,

62 in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
63 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, as follows:

64 (a) To the State Board of Education for the State Board
65 of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
66 State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the
67 Vocation and Technical Education Division.....
68 \$ 17,248,249.00.

69 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
70 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for
71 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,
72 as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi
73 Code of 1972..... \$ 4,614,798.00.

74 (c) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
75 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
76 \$ 50,628,464.00.

77 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
78 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
79 the Mississippi School for the Deaf..... \$ 1,477,787.00.

80 TOTAL AMOUNT OF BUDGET CONTINGENCY FUNDS

81 APPROPRIATED BY THIS SECTION BEING..... \$ 73,969,298.00.

82 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
83 Section 2 to the State Board of Education, Two Hundred Twenty-one
84 Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$221,954.00), or so much
85 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in
86 the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable
87 Fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of
88 defraying the expenses of the department for the Mississippi Eye
89 Screening Program for providing vision safety services.

90 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
91 Section 2 to the State Board of Education, the following sums, or
92 so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived out of any money
93 in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement

94 Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code
95 of 1972, as follows:

96 (a) To the State Department of Education, and excluding
97 the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division,
98 for the following purposes:

99 Grants to school districts for capital
100 facilities and buses.....\$ 16,000,000.00.
101 Instructional materials.....\$ 6,186,200.00.
102 Tech prep bond service.....\$ 3,221,400.00.
103 Implementing Performance Based Data
104 Collection and Accreditation
105 Model.....\$ 274,937.00.
106 World Class Teacher Program.....\$ 125,000.00.
107 Testing.....\$ 226,413.00.
108 Education Technology Council.....\$ 94,082.00.
109 TOTAL.....\$ 26,128,032.00.

110 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
111 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
112 \$ 7,863,746.00.

113 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
114 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
115 \$141,414,636.00.

116 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
117 this act to the State Board of Education, not more than the
118 amounts set forth below shall be expended for the respective major
119 objects or purposes of expenditure for the State Department of
120 Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and
121 Technical Education Division:

122 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

123 Personal Services:

124 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 25,431,663.00
125 Travel and Subsistence..... 2,414,249.00
126 Contractual Services..... 34,143,120.00

127	Commodities.....	7,091,729.00
128	Capital Outlay:	
129	Other Than Equipment.....	1,255,000.00
130	Equipment.....	2,502,589.00
131	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>662,140,456.00</u>
132	Total.....	\$ 734,978,806.00

133 FUNDING:

134	General Funds.....	\$ 61,893,895.00
135	Special Funds.....	<u>673,084,911.00</u>
136	Total.....	\$ 734,978,806.00

137 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

138	Permanent: Full Time.....	452
139	Part Time.....	3
140	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	69
141	Part Time.....	0

142 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
143 State Superintendent for the Department of Education, and
144 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
145 Division may increase major objects of expenditure in total
146 amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the
147 appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided
148 that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a
149 corresponding dollar amount and provided the Executive Director of
150 the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration also
151 approves with written authorization. However, no transfers shall
152 be authorized which increase the major object of expenditure
153 "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

154 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
155 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
156 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
157 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
158 intended mission of the State Department of Education, and
159 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education

160 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
 161 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
 162 below:

163		FY2006
164	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
165	Special Education	
166	Approved Funding for Children (\$)	87,897,368
167	Teacher Units Approved for Funding (Units)	4,672
168	Child Nutrition	
169	Number of Meals Required (Millions)	121
170	Cost per Meal (\$)	2.28
171	Special Projects	
172	Building Projects Approved (Projects)	0
173	Project Approval Rate (%)	0
174	MS School For Math & Science	
175	Students Enrolled (Persons)	270
176	Cost per Student (\$)	15,717
177	Educational Accountability	
178	Performance Accreditation Visits (Visits)	30
179	Tests Administered (Persons)	468,115
180	Compliance & Performance Reviews (Actions)	25
181	Educational Training & Development	
182	Administrators Trained (Persons)	1,000
183	Administrators Trained (%)	35
184	Technical Assistance to School Districts (%)	92
185	Compensatory Education	
186	Title I Projects Awarded (Programs)	152
187	Average Expenditure per Child (\$)	612
188	Review & Approve Delinquent Prgs (Programs)	5
189	Community & Outreach Services	
190	Requested Available Federal Funding (%)	100
191	MS School Attendance Officers	
192	Resolutions to Referrals (%)	86

193 School Visits (Number of) 25,000

194 MS Teacher Center

195 Teachers Recruited in Shortage Areas (Number) 1,800

196 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
197 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
198 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
199 Committee for Fiscal Year 2007.

200 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
201 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
202 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
203 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
204 intended mission of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.
205 Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every
206 effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2006
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>

209 Basic Program

210 Increase the number of students scoring basic 211 & above on the MS Curriculum Test in 212 grades 2-8, reading, language & math (%)	2
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213 Increase the number of students achieving 214 the passing score on the History test (%)	8
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215 Increase the number of students achieving 216 the passing score on the Biology test (%)	2
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217 Increase the number of students achieving 218 the passing score on the Algebra test (%)	2
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219 Provide 100% funding of the base student cost	100
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220 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
221 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
222 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
223 Committee for Fiscal Year 2007.

224 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2,
225 Forty-six Million Dollars (\$46,000,000.00) shall be derived from
226 the School Ad Valorem Reduction Fund.

227 No school district shall expend any funds, received under the
228 School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has
229 specifically identified the amount of said grant within the
230 published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code
231 of 1972. The published budget shall include the following
232 statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as a result
233 of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi
234 Legislature in 1992."

235 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 to the
236 State Board of Education, Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars
237 (\$2,100,000.00) shall be derived from the Technology in Classroom
238 Fund 3203 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State
239 Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the
240 Vocational and Technical Education Division.

241 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
242 of Section 2 to the State Board of Education, funds in the amount
243 of One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Six Hundred
244 Fifty-three Dollars (\$1,985,653.00) shall come from income derived
245 from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created
246 by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million
247 Nine Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-three Dollars
248 (\$1,985,653.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

249 **SECTION 13.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions
250 of this act to the State Board of Education, the following
251 positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical
252 Education Division of the State Department of Education:

253 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

254	Permanent:	Full Time.....	59
255		Part Time.....	0
256	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	3

257 Part Time..... 0

258 **SECTION 14.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
259 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
260 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
261 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
262 intended mission of the Vocational and Technical Education
263 Division of the State Department of Education. Based on the
264 funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain
265 the targeted performance measures provided below:

266		FY2006
267	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
268	Secondary Programs	
269	Increase in Students Served (%)	1
270	LEAs Served (Sites)	144
271	Post-secondary Programs	
272	Short-Term Students Served (Persons)	679
273	Short-Term Adult Program Classes (Classes)	80
274	Short-Term Cost per Student (\$)	45.00

275 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
276 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
277 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
278 Committee for Fiscal Year 2007.

279 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
280 of this act to the State Board of Education, an amount not to
281 exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four
282 Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of vocational
283 and technical education programs as authorized in Section
284 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess of ten
285 (10) months in a calendar year.

286 **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
287 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
288 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
289 Section 1 to the State Board of Education, transfer no more than

290 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil
291 and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing
292 matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.

293 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the
294 State Board of Education, no more than One Hundred Thousand
295 Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting
296 the Future Farmers of America Center.

297 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds provided in Section 1 to the State
298 Board of Education for the purpose of providing financial
299 assistance for the education of exceptional children as determined
300 under Section 37-23-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, children who are
301 certified by the designated authority as requiring inpatient care
302 in a private intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded
303 or psychiatric residential treatment facility, with Medicaid
304 reimbursement, shall be eligible and entitled to receive state
305 financial assistance under the provisions of Section 37-23-69, in
306 an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from
307 state funds, per child per school year, if an approved private
308 school is operated as an integral part of the facility which
309 provides twenty-four (24) hours a day monitoring, treatment and
310 education, except that the State Department of Education is
311 authorized to pilot a fee-for-service based cost system for
312 children served through Millcreek Schools, Inc.

313 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds provided in Section 1 to the State
314 Board of Education, Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-five
315 Dollars (\$72,695.00) shall be used to provide for a Director of
316 School Nurses in the State Department of Education and the
317 implementation of three (3) pilot projects for a variety of school
318 health programs in an elementary school setting. Evaluations
319 shall be developed to determine the program's effect to drop-out
320 rates, suspensions, expulsions, attendance and test scores.

321 Income generated by the school-based clinics shall remain
322 available for expenditure by the programs utilizing any special

323 fund authority provided in Section 2 for use by the State
324 Department of Education and the pilots shall remain the same as in
325 Fiscal Year 2005.

326 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
327 State Department of Education shall have the authority to accept,
328 budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Thirty Million
329 Dollars (\$30,000,000.00), that become available to the department
330 to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner consistent
331 with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
332 Administration.

333 **SECTION 21.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
334 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
335 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
336 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
337 improper expenditure. For the following: National Guard Youth
338 Challenge Program, World Class Teacher Programs, USM Special
339 Education Program, Soil and Water Conservation Commission,
340 Mississippi School Boards Association, Mississippi Eye Screening
341 Program-Vision Research Corporation and Very Special Arts, Arts
342 Institute, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, and Mississippi
343 Symphony, University of Southern Mississippi Safe Schools Program,
344 Mississippi State University Center for Education Design, Writing
345 and Thinking Institute and Greater Columbus Early Learning Center.

346 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
347 of this act to the State Board of Education, the amount of Two
348 Hundred Forty-one Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars
349 (\$241,568.00) is provided for the Walnut Grove Correctional
350 Facility.

351 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 to the
352 State Board of Education, the amounts of Two Hundred Twenty-five
353 Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00) is provided for the Writing and
354 Thinking Institute and Sixty-four Thousand Three Hundred

355 Thirty-eight Dollars (\$64,338.00) is provided for the Very Special
356 Arts Program.

357 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the
358 State Board of Education, an amount not to exceed Six Hundred
359 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be used for
360 technological methods for agricultural programs from the
361 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
362 Department of Education.

363 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 to the
364 State Board of Education, an amount not to exceed Two Million
365 Sixty-four Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$2,064,516.00)
366 shall be transferred from the State Department of Education to the
367 Mississippi National Guard for the support of the Youth Challenge
368 Program at Camp Shelby.

369 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated under Section 1 to the
370 State Board of Education, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One
371 Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00), which is the aggregate
372 sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive
373 annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund
374 under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be
375 deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided
376 in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be
377 distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by
378 the State Department of Education in the manner that such interest
379 payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

380 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds provided in this act to the State
381 Board of Education for the purpose of funding the Mississippi
382 Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7,
383 Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year
384 2006 shall be Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-three Dollars
385 (\$4,193.00).

386 **SECTION 28.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the
387 State Board of Education, an amount not more than Fifty Million

388 Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Interim School
389 District Capital Expenditure Fund for the benefit of the school
390 districts as authorized in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section
391 37-151-7 (5).

392 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the
393 State Board of Education, it is the intention of the Legislature
394 that Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public
395 School Building Fund shall be used for the Mississippi Adequate
396 Education Program.

397 **SECTION 30.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions
398 of this act to the State Board of Education, the following
399 positions are authorized for the Mississippi School for the Blind
400 and the Mississippi School for the Deaf:

401 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

402	Permanent:	Full Time.....	194
403		Part Time.....	30
404	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
405		Part Time.....	0

406 None of the funds provided in this act to the State Board of
407 Education shall be expended to hire any person on a contractual
408 basis, for any period for any purpose, without the express prior
409 approval of the State Personnel Director. The State Personnel
410 Director shall consider, in approving such contracts, the
411 availability of funds, the need for services, compliance with the
412 State Compensation Plan and the qualifications of the persons
413 offering to perform the services. The State Fiscal Officer shall
414 not pay any warrant that is in violation of this section.

415 **SECTION 31.** With the funds provided in this act to the State
416 Board of Education, it is the intention of the Legislature that
417 the academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and
418 the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
419 increment.

420 **SECTION 32.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
421 State Department of Education is authorized to escalate or
422 reescalate for Time-Limited positions where federal or special
423 fund grants are available to fund such positions.

424 **SECTION 33.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no
425 State General Funds authorized to be expended in this act shall be
426 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
427 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
428 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

429 With respect to agency programs whose operation is dependent
430 on the receipt of federal funds, it is the intent of the
431 Legislature, except as hereinafter provided, that no funds from
432 the State General Fund be expended to administer, support or in
433 any way continue such programs should federal funds for their
434 operation be reduced or become unavailable and that no funds from
435 the State General Fund available for expenditure under this act
436 shall be used to replace federal funds in any major object of
437 expenditure.

438 With the funds herein appropriated to the State Board of
439 Education, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be
440 the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to
441 be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do
442 not exceed Fiscal Year 2006 funds appropriated for that purpose,
443 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
444 2007 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
445 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
446 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
447 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
448 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
449 agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases
450 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006
451 appropriation for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
452 exception of escalated funds. If, at the time the agency takes

453 any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel
454 Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would
455 cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the
456 Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when
457 annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected
458 annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed
459 by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements
460 of this provision are met.

461 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
462 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
463 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
464 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
465 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration.

466 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
467 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
468 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
469 means to increase salaries of employees or positions unless
470 specifically exempted by the following conditions: the award of
471 teacher pay increases, the advancement of a trainee/cadet to the
472 next level of a bona fide career ladder, the award of an
473 educational benchmark for the attainment of Certified Public
474 Accountant License or higher level professional certification as
475 determined by the State Personnel Board, the immediate replacement
476 of a departing employee with an individual from within state
477 service or a new hire at a salary level equivalent to that of the
478 departing employee, and the emergency appointment of nurses,
479 pharmacists or other health care professionals at a salary to be
480 determined by the State Personnel Board, unless otherwise
481 authorized in this act.

482 **SECTION 34.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
483 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
484 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
485 appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such

486 records shall be in the same format and level of details as
487 maintained for Fiscal Year 2005. It is further the intention of
488 the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2007
489 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a
490 format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of
491 detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2006 budget request process
492 for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the
493 provisions of this act.

494 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 3 to
495 the State Board of Education, not less than Fifteen Million Three
496 Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Forty-eight Dollars (\$15,397,048.00)
497 of General Funds and Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) of
498 Budget Contingency Funds shall be used for National Board
499 Certification.

500 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 3 to
501 the State Board of Education, not less than Two Million Fifty
502 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,050,120.00) of General
503 Funds and Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) of Budget
504 Contingency Funds shall be used for the Educable Child Program.

505 **SECTION 37.** It is the intention of the Legislature that at
506 least Twenty-one Million Dollars (\$21,000,000.00) be expended for
507 textbooks as defined in Section 37-43-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.
508 The State Department of Education shall report to the Legislature
509 the amount of expenditures for each school district no later than
510 October 31, 2006.

511 **SECTION 38.** The public school districts of the state are
512 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
513 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
514 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
515 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
516 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
517 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
518 this purpose.

