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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1575

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007.

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

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 Treasury to the credit of the State Fire Academy Fund, for the  
7 purpose of defraying the expenses of the academy for the fiscal  
8 year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
9 ..... \$ 3,991,424.00.

10 SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
11 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
12 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
13 expenditure:

14 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

15	Personal Services:	
16	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 2,703,432.00
17	Travel and Subsistence.....	50,725.00
18	Contractual Services.....	560,972.00
19	Commodities.....	484,050.00
20	Capital Outlay:	
21	Other Than Equipment.....	22,995.00
22	Equipment.....	126,150.00
23	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>43,100.00</u>
24	Total.....	\$ 3,991,424.00

25 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

26	Permanent:		
	Full Time.....	54	
27	Part Time.....	0	

28           Time-Limited: Full Time.....           0  
29                            Part Time.....           0

30           For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006, funds are  
31 provided herein to adjust the annual compensation of each employee  
32 who has been employed for twelve (12) months or longer by an  
33 amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), effective on  
34 July 1, 2006.

35           With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
36 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
37 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
38 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007  
39 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
40 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
41 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
42 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
43 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
44 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
45 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
46 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
47 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal  
48 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
49 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
50 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
51 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
52 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"  
53 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
54 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
55 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
56 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

57           Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
58 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
59 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
60 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

61 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
62 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
63 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
64 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
65 appropriated level.

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

70 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
71 State Fire Academy shall maintain complete accounting and  
72 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
73 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
74 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
75 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
76 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to  
77 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
78 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
79 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

80 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
81 State Fire Academy shall have the authority to escalate and expend  
82 funds, not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
83 (\$150,000.00), from any source that may become available to the  
84 agency in accordance with the rules and regulations of the  
85 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent  
86 with the escalation of federal funds.

87 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
88 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
89 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
90 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
91 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
92 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

93 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
94 made without competitive bids.

95         **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
96 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
97 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
98 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
99 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
100 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

101         **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
102 and after July 1, 2006.