

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2693

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE  
 2 DEPOSIT OF FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO MISSISSIPPI UNDER THE  
 3 DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005 (S. 1932) FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
 4 REPLACING THE STATE'S SHARE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM DUE TO THE  
 5 HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER; TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FUNDS SHALL BE  
 6 APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE  
 7 STATE MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR KATRINA DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS  
 8 PROVIDED BY FEMA UNDER THE STAFFORD ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created in the State  
 11 Treasury a special fund to be designated the Hurricane Katrina  
 12 Federal Medicaid State Share Replacement Fund. The State  
 13 Treasurer shall deposit the following funds into said fund: All  
 14 federal funds allocated to the State of Mississippi for the fiscal  
 15 relief of the state's Medicaid program under The Deficit Reduction  
 16 Act of 2005 (S. 1932) for the following allowable expenses:

17 (a) For the state share of Medicaid services from  
 18 August 24, 2005, through June 30, 2006, for evacuees from other  
 19 states and for individuals that resided in one (1) of the lower  
 20 forty-seven (47) counties of Mississippi receiving benefits under  
 21 an approved multi-state 1115 demonstration project (Katrina  
 22 Waiver);

23 (b) For the total uncompensated care costs incurred for  
 24 medically necessary services from August 24, 2005, through January  
 25 31, 2006, for evacuees from other states and for individuals that  
 26 resided in one (1) of the lower forty-seven (47) counties of  
 27 Mississippi who do not have other coverage for such assistance  
 28 through insurance, including, but not limited to, private  
 29 insurance, Medicaid or SCHIP, or state-funded health insurance  
 30 programs;

31 (c) For the state share until June 30, 2006, of  
32 services for individuals that reside in one (1) of the lower  
33 forty-seven (47) counties of Mississippi who are eligible for  
34 benefits under the regular Medicaid or SCHIP program; and

35 (d) For costs associated with restoring access to  
36 health care in the impacted Hurricane Katrina disaster counties as  
37 per the approval of the Secretary of the United States Department  
38 of Health and Human Services.

39 (2) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of  
40 Finance and Administration, pursuant to specific appropriation  
41 therefor by the Legislature, is hereby directed to transfer any  
42 funds in the Hurricane Katrina Federal Medicaid State Share  
43 Replacement Fund to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency  
44 (MEMA) or other appropriate fund for the purpose of providing  
45 state matching requirements for the State of Mississippi for  
46 services provided by FEMA to fund Stafford Act activities directly  
47 related to the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Mississippi as  
48 required by federal law. These activities include, but are not  
49 limited to, debris removal, rebuilding highways, rebuilding  
50 schools and rebuilding other public buildings.

51 (3) Any funds remaining in the Hurricane Katrina Federal  
52 Medicaid State Share Replacement Fund at the end of any fiscal  
53 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall remain  
54 in said special fund. Any interest earned on the Hurricane  
55 Katrina Federal Medicaid State Share Replacement Fund shall be  
56 applied to, and shall remain in said special fund.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after its passage.