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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3023

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE  
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support  
8 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
10 ..... \$ 110,834,070.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
13 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
14 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise  
15 appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and  
16 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and  
17 ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 31,371,348.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** The funds appropriated in this act for the aid  
19 and support of the public and community junior colleges shall be  
20 apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

		<u>Assigned Weight</u>	
		1/5 Head Count	4/5 FTE
<u>Formula Section</u>		<u>Formula</u>	<u>Formula</u>
24	(1) Aid to Colleges:		
25	Base	5% of prior year	13% prior year
26		appropriation	appropriation
27	Academic	1.0	1.0

28	Technical	1.00	1.0
29	Virtual Comm.		
30	College	.55	.50
31	(2) Vocational	1.0	1.0
32	(3) Part-time	.55	
33	(4) Associate Degree		
34	Nursing	1.0	1.19
35	(5) Associate Degree		
36	Allied Health		1.19

37 In the 1/5 Head Count Formula such Academic, Technical, and  
38 Vocational funds shall be disbursed to such public community and  
39 junior colleges on the basis of the full-time enrollment of each  
40 such public community and junior college as of the last day of the  
41 sixth week of the fall semester, or its equivalent, of the  
42 preceding year, counting only students who reside within the State  
43 of Mississippi. Part-time academic, vocational and technical  
44 credit courses may qualify on the basis of the prior year  
45 full-time equivalency of part-time and summer students, counting  
46 only students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

47 Virtual Community College hosted and provided courses may  
48 qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of  
49 Virtual Community College hours generated during the summer, fall  
50 and spring semesters that did not make a student full time in the  
51 fall semester.

52 In the 4/5 FTE Formula, such Academic, Technical, Vocational,  
53 Associate Degree Nursing and Associate Degree Allied Health funds  
54 shall be disbursed on the basis of prior year full-time  
55 equivalency (FTE) of hours generated during the summer, fall and  
56 spring semesters for each public community and junior college as  
57 of the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its  
58 equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of  
59 Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who

60 reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay  
61 purposes.

62 Virtual Community College hosted and provided courses may  
63 qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of  
64 Virtual Community College hours generated during the summer, fall  
65 and spring semesters. Those semester credit hours being hosted  
66 and provided by one institution shall receive funding at the  
67 weight of 1.0.

68 Of the funds appropriated in the act for the aid and support  
69 of the public community and junior colleges, funds up to Two  
70 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) are provided to be set aside as a  
71 mechanism to hold harmless those colleges that lose funding in the  
72 fourth year of a five-year phase-in implementation period to a  
73 full-time equivalency (FTE) funding formula.

74 The Director of the State Board for Community and Junior  
75 Colleges, or his designee, shall audit each public community and  
76 junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each  
77 college and shall certify the number to the State Board for  
78 Community and Junior Colleges.

79 If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at  
80 the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate  
81 in this appropriation, as provided for in this subsection, the  
82 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall find and  
83 determine that any such public or community junior college does  
84 not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary  
85 expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2006,  
86 until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that  
87 event, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges is  
88 expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public  
89 community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient  
90 operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated  
91 hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to  
92 any one public community or junior college shall not exceed

93 thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state appropriated  
94 funds received by such public community or junior college during  
95 the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount  
96 of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of  
97 the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or  
98 junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and  
99 distribution of funds is made.

100       **SECTION 4.** No part of the amount herein appropriated shall  
101 be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for  
102 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the  
103 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the  
104 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

105       **SECTION 5.** The funds disbursed under the provisions of this  
106 act shall be accounted for through the State Board for Community  
107 and Junior Colleges.

108       **SECTION 6.** The following public community and junior  
109 colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by  
110 Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act:

111       Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,  
112 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community  
113 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community  
114 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,  
115 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,  
116 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast  
117 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community  
118 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi  
119 Community College.

120       **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
121 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the  
122 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any  
123 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a  
124 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

125           **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
126 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
127 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
128 Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of hiring nursing  
129 and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and  
130 allied health student loans and providing instructional support  
131 for the Rural Health Corps for the fiscal year beginning  
132 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$       1,200,000.00.

133           The funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated as  
134 follows:

135           (1) One-half (1/2) divided equally among the fifteen (15)  
136 public community and junior colleges.

137           (2) One-half (1/2) divided upon the basis of the number of  
138 full-time academic, technical and vocational public community and  
139 junior college students actually enrolled and in attendance on the  
140 last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent  
141 of the preceding year counting only those students who reside  
142 within the State of Mississippi.

143           The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and  
144 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget  
145 Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments  
146 of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual  
147 community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by  
148 the Legislative Budget Office.

149           **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
150 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
151 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public  
152 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,  
153 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for  
154 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.  
155 ..... \$       18,820,000.00.

156           The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to  
157 participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health

158 Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are  
159 not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for  
160 the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

161 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
162 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
163 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
164 establishing and operating One-Stop Career Centers at each of the  
165 public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning  
166 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 4,500,000.00.

167 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
168 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
169 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
170 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
171 cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community  
172 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,  
173 and ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 179,050.00.

174 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
175 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
176 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
177 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
178 cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community  
179 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,  
180 and ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 3,599,160.00.

181 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
182 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
183 Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
184 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of  
185 defraying the cost of servicing the debt on bonds issued for the  
186 Education Technology Program at the community and junior colleges  
187 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending  
188 June 30, 2007..... \$ 3,137,015.00.

189 The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from  
190 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections  
191 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

192 **SECTION 14.** A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition  
193 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi  
194 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation  
195 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of  
196 enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section  
197 37-155-5(d)(iii).

198 **SECTION 15.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
199 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
200 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
201 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
202 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
203 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
204 performance measures provided below:

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<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Instruction	
Cumulative grade point average of community college transfer students attending State Institutions of Higher Learning will equal or exceed the Grade Point Average earned by native students in the same university system (GPA based on a 4.0 scale)	2.80
Average Class Size (Students/Class)	21
Percentage of community & junior college associate degree nursing graduates who pass the state board nursing exam on the first write (%)	92
Percentage of full-time & adjunct (part-time) faculty who met the criteria for academic & professional	

222	preparation (%)	100
223	Percentage of vocational-technical	
224	students who complete or exit a program	
225	& are considered positively placed (%)	92
226	Total cost per full-time equivalent	
227	student (\$)	4,806.00
228	Physical Plant Operation	
229	Percentage of community & junior colleges	
230	with a written comprehensive safety &	
231	health program implemented to ensure safe	
232	working conditions & practices (%)	100
233	Number of student injuries on community	
234	& junior colleges grounds (Students)	64
235	Number of employee injuries on community	
236	& junior colleges grounds (Employees)	90
237	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
238	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
239	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
240	Committee for Fiscal Year 2008.	

241       **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
242 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
243 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
244 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
245 cost of Advanced Training Centers at each of the Public Community  
246 and Junior Colleges, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006,  
247 and ending June 30, 2007.....\$       2,250,000.00.

248       **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that  
249 with the funds provided in this act a salary increase in the  
250 amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) per full-time  
251 equivalent shall be awarded to all nursing faculty of the  
252 Community and Junior Colleges effective July 1, 2006.

253       **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
254 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



255 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
256 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
257 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
258 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

259       **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
260 and after July 1, 2006.