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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	
208 Cumulative grade point average of community 209 college transfer students attending State 210 Institutions of Higher Learning will equal 211 or exceed the Grade Point Average earned 212 by native students in the same university 213 system (GPA based on a 4.0 scale)	2.80
214 Average Class Size (Students/Class)	21
215 Percentage of community & junior college 216 associate degree nursing graduates who 217 pass the state board nursing exam on 218 the first write (%)	92
219 Percentage of full-time & adjunct 220 (part-time) faculty who met the 221 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.