

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Jr. Colleges - Admin.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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 purpose of  
8 defraying the administrative expenses of the State Board for  
9 Community and Junior Colleges for the fiscal year beginning  
10 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$       5,628,223.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the State Board for Community and Junior  
14 Colleges, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses  
15 of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the  
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
17 ..... \$       75,391,817.00.

18           **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
19 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
20 Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Proprietary School and  
21 College Registration, for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
22 incurred in the regulation and administration of the Mississippi  
23 Proprietary School and College Registration Law and the associated  
24 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for  
25 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007  
26 ..... \$       70,000.00.

27           **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
28 Sections 1, 2, and 3, the following positions are authorized:

29       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

30	Permanent:	Full Time.....	41
31		Part Time.....	0
32	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
33		Part Time.....	0

34       Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
35 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

40           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
41 budget requests of the administrative expenses of the State Board  
42 for Community and Junior Colleges for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be  
43 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
44 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
45 provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

46           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated herein, One Million  
47 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work Force  
48 Carryover Fund as created by House Bill No. 1271, 1995 Regular  
49 Session.

50           **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2,  
51 funds in the amount of Forty Million Nine Hundred Twenty-six  
52 Thousand Twenty-nine Dollars (\$40,926,029.00) are appropriated for  
53 the Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No  
54 funding obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the  
55 state for industrial training beyond the level of funding made  
56 available in this section. All industrial training program  
57 commitments made in Fiscal Year 2007 and future fiscal years shall  
58 be based only upon funds available in this section and any

59 proposed commitments shall be approved by the Executive Director  
60 of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, or the  
61 Executive Director's designee prior to such commitment being  
62 finalized. Industrial training program commitments shall be made  
63 and based only upon training services provided and not for a  
64 specific funding amount. Any expenditures of funds authorized in  
65 this section are limited to obligations made July 1, 2006, or  
66 after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to  
67 this date.

68       **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
69 the amount of Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) shall  
70 be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited  
71 into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall  
72 be utilized exclusively by the State Board for Community and  
73 Junior Colleges for workforce training in accordance with Senate  
74 Bill 2480, 2005 Regular Session. It is the intention of the  
75 Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall  
76 have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside  
77 as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2008 Workforce  
78 Education Program.

79       **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
80 the amount of Six Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Five Dollars  
81 (\$612,605.00) shall be derived from fees charged for the Community  
82 College Network, Workforce On-line Training Program and the  
83 Mississippi Virtual Community College for the purpose of defraying  
84 the costs of the Community College Network, the Workforce On-line  
85 Training Program and the administrative expenses of the State  
86 Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

87       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
88 of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars  
89 (\$100,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for issuing  
90 duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the General

91 Education Development (GED) Testing Program for the purpose of  
92 defraying the costs of administering the GED Testing Program of  
93 the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, in accordance  
94 with Senate Bill No. 2626, 2002 Regular Session.

95       **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
96 State Board of Community and Junior Colleges is hereby authorized  
97 to accept, budget and expend funds from any source in an amount  
98 not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in accordance  
99 with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
100 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
101 federal funds.

102       **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
103 the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be  
104 derived from the transfer of post-secondary vocational and  
105 technical funds from the Mississippi Department of Education to  
106 the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose  
107 of managing the day-to-day operations of post-secondary vocational  
108 and technical education.

109       **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
110 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
111 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
112 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
113 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
114 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
115 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
116 made without competitive bids.

117       **SECTION 14.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
118 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
119 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
120 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

121       Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
122 the following criteria:

- 123 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.  
124 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising  
125 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.  
126 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired  
127 by media without cost.  
128 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
129 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
130 media expenditures.  
131 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

132 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an  
133 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot  
134 shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of  
135 Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

136 **SECTION 16.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
137 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
138 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
139 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
140 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
141 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

142 **SECTION 17.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
143 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Chaney

X (SIGNED)  
Harden

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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