## 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. 3027: Appropriation; Personnel Bd.

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

- 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:

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 Personnel Board for the
7	support and maintenance of the State Personnel Board for the
8	fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
9	\$ 5,322,933.00
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 \$ 3,586,459.00
17	Travel and Subsistence
18	Contractual Services
19	Commodities
20	Capital Outlay:
21	Other Than Equipment
22	Equipment
23	Subsidies, Loans and Grants
24	Total\$ 5,322,933.00
25	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
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26	Permanent: Full Time 63
27	Part Time 2
28	Time-Limited: Full Time0
29	Part Time0
30	Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
31	Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
32	equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
33	Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater,
34	with not more than one-half $(1/2)$ to be awarded on July 1, 2006,
35	with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.
36	With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
37	the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
38	make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
39	Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007
40	funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
41	are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
42	Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
43	Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
44	determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
45	appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
46	act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
47	that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
48	cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal
49	Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
50	If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
51	Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
52	has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
53	projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"
54	appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
55	reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
56	requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
57	such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

- Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 58
- 59 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
- allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 60
- Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 61
- 62 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration.
- Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 63
- 64 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
- without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 65
- 66 appropriated level.
- 67 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
- used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are 68
- 69 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
- 70 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
- 71 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
- necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State 72
- 73 Treasury to the credit of the State Personnel Board Training Fund
- 74 account, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State
- Personnel Board Training Seminars for the fiscal year beginning 75
- 76 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....\$ 567,711.00.
- 77 It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
- 78 Personnel Board Training Fund shall have the authority, should
- 79 additional funds become available, to escalate and expend those
- 80 funds in accordance with the rules and regulations of the
- Department of Finance and Administration, in a manner consistent 81
- 82 with the escalation of federal funds.
- The funds authorized under the provisions of this section 83
- 84 shall be held separate and apart from all other funds in the State
- Treasury to the credit of the State Personnel Board. 85
- 86 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
- 87 Section 3, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
- expended for the respective major objects or purposes of 88
- 89 expenditure:

90	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
91	Personal Services:
92	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 0.00
93	Travel and Subsistence
94	Contractual Services
95	Commodities
96	Capital Outlay:
97	Other Than Equipment
98	Equipment
99	Subsidies, Loans and Grants
100	Total\$ 567,711.00
101	SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
102	State Personnel Board shall have the authority to escalate and
103	expend funds received from state agencies for reimbursement of
104	costs associated with the hiring of court reporters used in the
105	Employee Appeals Process. Such funds shall be received and
106	expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of
107	Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the
108	escalation of federal funds.
109	SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
110	State Personnel Board shall maintain complete accounting and
111	personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
112	appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
113	same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
114	2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
115	agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to
116	the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
117	detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
118	during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.
119	SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that
120	whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
121	purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things

stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 122 123 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 124 125 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 126 made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from

133 134 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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