

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3046

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Employment Security
8 Commission or its successor, for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses incurred by said commission for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 188,198,965.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
12 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
13 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
14 expenditure:

15 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

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| 16 | Personal Services: | |
| 17 | Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ | 48,345,487.00 |
| 18 | Travel and Subsistence..... | 1,759,416.00 |
| 19 | Contractual Services..... | 55,764,392.00 |
| 20 | Commodities..... | 2,995,507.00 |
| 21 | Capital Outlay: | |
| 22 | Other Than Equipment..... | 1,035,000.00 |
| 23 | Equipment..... | 6,774,153.00 |
| 24 | Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... | <u>71,525,010.00</u> |
| 25 | Total..... \$ | 188,198,965.00 |

26 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

| | | | |
|----|---------------|----------------|-----|
| 27 | Permanent: | Full Time..... | 811 |
| 28 | | Part Time..... | 365 |
| 29 | Time-Limited: | Full Time..... | 0 |
| 30 | | Part Time..... | 0 |

31 For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006, funds are
32 provided herein to adjust the annual compensation of each employee
33 who has been employed for twelve (12) months or longer by an
34 amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), effective on
35 July 1, 2006.

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.

58 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
59 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
60 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
61 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
62 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
63 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
64 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

65 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
66 appropriated level.

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

71 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
72 Section 1, the following sum shall be derived from money in the
73 Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under
74 Section 903(d) of the Social Security Act, as amended, to the
75 Department of Employment Security to be deposited in the
76 Employment Security Administration Fund and used by the Department
77 of Employment Security for the following purposes:

78 1. Payment of various One-Stop Administration expenses that
79 support the service delivery of employment and workforce
80 information services. This includes, but is not limited to, the
81 following activities:

- 82 a. Staff for delivery of reemployment services to UI
83 claimants, including group job search assistance
84 and staff-assisted referrals to jobs.
- 85 b. Equipment and resources for resource rooms.
- 86 c. Payment for rent, utilities, and maintenance of
87 facilities, including common spaces such as
88 resource rooms, reception areas, conference areas,
89 etc.
- 90 d. Payment of shared costs for operation of local One-
91 Stop Career Centers, including payment for One-
92 Stop operators.
- 93 e. Purchase of computer equipment, network equipment,
94 telecommunications equipment, application
95 development, and other technology resources.
- 96 f. Training, technical assistance, and professional
97 development of staff who deliver employment and
98 workforce information services.
- 99 g. Access Improvement costs for individuals with

100 disabilities, including remodeling or retrofitting
101 One-Stop Career Centers and purchasing appropriate
102 software, hardware, furniture and supplies.

103 2. Administration of the Unemployment Compensation (UC) law
104 and its public employment service (ES) offices. This includes,
105 but is not limited to, the following uses:

106 a. ES and UI automation. This includes purchases,
107 modifications, or automation of computer related
108 systems and related costs.

109 b. UI and ES Performance Improvement costs.

110 c. Fraud and Abuse Reduction costs.

111 d. UI Claims Filing and Payment Methods Improvement
112 costs.

113 e. Under the direction of the Office of Building,
114 Grounds and Real Property Management to acquire
115 lands and construct buildings thereon or improve
116 existing buildings to be used as offices.

117 The funds in this section are authorized for the fiscal year
118 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....
119\$ 53,000,000.00.

120 The funds authorized in this Section shall be requisitioned
121 by the Department of Employment Security from the Unemployment
122 Trust Fund maintained by the Secretary of the Treasury of the
123 United States as needed for the payment of obligations incurred
124 under this appropriation, and such monies shall be deposited in
125 the Employment Security Administration Fund in accordance with the
126 provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972.

127 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, a total of
128 One Million Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,035,000.00) is
129 provided for the purpose of constructing and/or lease purchasing a
130 new headquarters facility for the Mississippi Employment Security
131 Commission, and paying for any costs associated with the
132 construction of facilities. The funds authorized in this section
133 shall be under the direction of the Bureau of Building, Grounds
134 and Real Property Management.

135 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
136 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
137 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
138 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
139 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
140 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
141 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
142 made without competitive bids.

143 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
144 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
145 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
146 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
147 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
148 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

149 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
150 and after July 1, 2006.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives