

By: Representatives Aldridge, Clarke,
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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1604

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND
3 PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE TESTING AND REMEDIATION OF DYSLEXIA IN
4 THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of
9 Education for the purpose of providing funding for additional
10 services and programs relating to the testing and remediation of
11 dyslexia in the public schools for the fiscal year beginning July
12 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$3,000,000.00.

13 SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
14 act, the following sums, or so much of those funds as may be
15 necessary, shall be used for the purposes specified in the
16 following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,
17 and ending June 30, 2008:

- 18 (a) Annual dyslexia conference..... \$ 20,000.00.
- 19 (b) Development of dyslexia screening
20 instrument..... \$1,500,000.00.
- 21 (c) Professional development relating
22 to dyslexia screening..... \$ 600,000.00.
- 23 (d) Development of professional
24 development materials based on dyslexia handbook... \$ 10,000.00.
- 25 (e) Professional development regarding
26 dyslexia handbook..... \$ 600,000.00.
- 27 (f) Additional funding for dyslexia
28 pilot programs..... \$ 270,000.00.

29 TOTAL..... \$3,000,000.00.

30 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
31 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
32 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
33 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
34 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
35 officers in the manner provided by law.

36 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2007.