

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1625

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE FOR HIV
3 DISEASE BY DEVELOPING AND OPERATING TWO STD/HIV SPECIALTY CLINICS
4 IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE, 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 Health
9 for the purpose of expanding access to primary care for HIV
10 disease, as provided in Section 2 of this act, for the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008... \$6,000,000.00.

12 SECTION 2. The money appropriated in Section 1 of this act
13 shall be expended by the Department of Health as follows:

14 (a) Develop and operate two (2) STD/HIV specialty
15 clinics based on the Crossroads Clinics model in the Jackson
16 Medical Mall in the Delta portion of Mississippi and Forrest
17 County..... \$3,000,000.00.

18 (b) Provide HIV antiretroviral medications free of
19 charge to any Mississippian living with HIV disease who is unable
20 to pay and/or qualify for various assistance programs.....
21 \$2,000,000.00.

22 (c) Incorporate science-based, age-, culturally- and
23 linguistically-appropriate STD/HIV prevention and education
24 messages and interventions through clinic and outreach encounters
25 in the counties immediately surrounding the clinics.....
26 \$1,000,000.00.

27 Any funds appropriated by this act that are not expended by
28 the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General
29 Fund.

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.