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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1702

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
3 YEAR 2008.

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

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 expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....

10 \$ 1,311,245.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts
14 Commission which is comprised of special source funds and
15 donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission,
16 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for
17 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

18 \$ 1,447,322.00.

19 SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
20 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

22	Permanent:	Full Time.....	11
23		Part Time.....	0
24	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
25		Part Time.....	0

26 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
27 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase



28 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
29 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever
30 is greater.

31 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
32 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
33 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
34 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
35 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
36 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2009 budget by the
37 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
38 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
39 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
40 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
41 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
42 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
43 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation for "Personal
44 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
45 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
46 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
47 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
48 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2008 "Personal Services"
49 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
50 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
51 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
52 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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



60 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
61 appropriated level.

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

66 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
67 Mississippi Arts Commission shall maintain complete accounting and
68 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
69 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
70 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
71 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
72 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to
73 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
74 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
75 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

76 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
77 Section 2, funds in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand
78 Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be derived from the Education
79 Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,
80 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

81 Training of educators and promotion
82 of arts programs in public schools . . . \$100,000.00
83 Miscellaneous grants and programs \$350,000.00

84 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
85 Arts Commission shall have the authority to transfer dollars
86 appropriated herein designated for the "Challenge Program,"
87 specific amounts to a special fund in the State Treasury called
88 the Arts Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The unexpended
89 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
90 not lapse into the State General Fund and may be expended by the
91 commission in subsequent fiscal years upon appropriation of the
92 Legislature. Any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited



93 to the credit of the fund and may be disbursed by the commission
94 upon appropriations of the Legislature. It is the intention of
95 the Legislature that the commission may award grants to arts
96 organizations from monies in the fund and the grantees will be
97 required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of
98 not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

99 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
100 Mississippi Arts Commission shall have the authority to escalate
101 its budget and expend funds from any source available not to
102 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), that may become
103 available to the commission in accordance with the rules and
104 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
105 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

106 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
107 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
108 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
109 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
110 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
111 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
112 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
113 made without competitive bids.

114 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
115 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
116 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
117 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
118 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
119 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

120 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
121 and after July 1, 2007.

