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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3131

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE  
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 FOR FISCAL 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 aid and support  
8 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
10 ..... \$ 168,804,661.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
13 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
14 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise  
15 appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and  
16 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and  
17 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 40,463,567.00.

18 SECTION 3. The funds appropriated in this act for the aid  
19 and support of the public and community junior colleges shall be  
20 apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

21		FTE
22	<u>Formula Section</u>	<u>Formula</u>
23	(1) Aid to Colleges:	
24	Base	15% prior year
25		appropriation
26	Academic	1.0
27	Technical	1.0

28	Virtual Comm.	
29	College	.50
30	(2) Vocational	1.0
31	(3) Part-time	
32	(4) Associate Degree	
33	Nursing	1.19
34	(5) Associate Degree	
35	Allied Health	1.19

36 Academic, Technical, Vocational, Associate Degree Nursing and  
37 Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the  
38 basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated  
39 during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public  
40 community and junior college as of the last day of the sixth week  
41 of each semester, or its equivalent, counting only students who  
42 reside within the State of Mississippi. However, associate degree  
43 nursing students who reside outside the State of Mississippi may  
44 be counted for pay purposes.

45 Virtual Community College hosted and provided courses may  
46 qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of  
47 Virtual Community College hours generated during the summer, fall  
48 and spring semesters. Those semester credit hours being hosted  
49 and provided by one institution shall receive funding at the  
50 weight of 1.0.

51 The Director of the State Board for Community and Junior  
52 Colleges, or his designee, shall audit each public community and  
53 junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each  
54 college and shall certify the number to the State Board for  
55 Community and Junior Colleges.

56 If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at  
57 the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate  
58 in this appropriation, as provided for in this subsection, the  
59 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall find and  
60 determine that any such public or community junior college does

61 not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary  
62 expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2007,  
63 until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that  
64 event, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges is  
65 expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public  
66 community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient  
67 operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated  
68 hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to  
69 any one public community or junior college shall not exceed  
70 thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state appropriated  
71 funds received by such public community or junior college during  
72 the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount  
73 of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of  
74 the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or  
75 junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and  
76 distribution of funds is made.

77       **SECTION 4.** No part of the amount herein appropriated shall  
78 be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for  
79 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the  
80 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the  
81 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

82       **SECTION 5.** The funds disbursed under the provisions of this  
83 act shall be accounted for through the State Board for Community  
84 and Junior Colleges.

85       **SECTION 6.** The following public community and junior  
86 colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by  
87 Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act:

88       Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,  
89 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community  
90 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community  
91 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,  
92 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,  
93 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast

94 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community  
95 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi  
96 Community College.

97       **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
98 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the  
99 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any  
100 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a  
101 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

102       **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
103 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
104 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
105 Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of hiring nursing  
106 and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and  
107 allied health student loans and providing instructional support  
108 for the Rural Health Corps for the fiscal year beginning  
109 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$       1,200,000.00.

110       The funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated as  
111 follows:

112       (1) One-half (1/2) divided equally among the fifteen (15)  
113 public community and junior colleges.

114       (2) One-half (1/2) divided upon the basis of the number of  
115 full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated during the summer,  
116 fall and spring semesters for academic, technical and vocational  
117 public community and junior college students actually enrolled and  
118 in attendance on the last day of the sixth week of the fall  
119 semester or its equivalent of the preceding year counting only  
120 those students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

121       The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and  
122 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget  
123 Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments  
124 of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual  
125 community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by  
126 the Legislative Budget Office.

127           **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
128 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
129 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public  
130 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,  
131 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for  
132 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.  
133 ..... \$       22,822,944.00.

134           The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to  
135 participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health  
136 Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are  
137 not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for  
138 the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

139           **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
140 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
141 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
142 establishing and operating Workforce Development Centers at each  
143 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year  
144 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
145 ..... \$       4,500,000.00.

146           **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
147 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
148 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
149 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
150 cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community  
151 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,  
152 and ending June 30, 2008..... \$       179,050.00.

153           **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
154 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
155 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
156 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
157 cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community  
158 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,  
159 and ending June 30, 2008..... \$       3,599,160.00.

160           **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 161 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
 162 Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
 163 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of  
 164 defraying the cost of servicing the debt on bonds issued for the  
 165 Education Technology Program at the community and junior colleges  
 166 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
 167 June 30, 2008..... \$           3,150,013.00.

168           The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from  
 169 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections  
 170 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

171           **SECTION 14.** A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition  
 172 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi  
 173 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation  
 174 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of  
 175 enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section  
 176 37-155-5(d)(iii).

177           **SECTION 15.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 178 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 179 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 180 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 181 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 182 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 183 performance measures provided below:

184		FY08
185	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
186	Instruction	
187	Cumulative grade point average of community	
188	college transfer students attending State	
189	Institutions of Higher Learning will equal	
190	or exceed the Grade Point Average earned	
191	by native students in the same university	
192	system (GPA based on a 4.0 scale)	2.80

193	Average Class Size (Students/Class)	21
194	Percentage of community & junior college	
195	associate degree nursing graduates who	
196	pass the state board nursing exam on	
197	the first write (%)	92
198	Percentage of full-time & adjunct	
199	(part-time) faculty who met the	
200	criteria for academic & professional	
201	preparation (%)	100
202	Percentage of vocational-technical	
203	students who complete or exit a program	
204	& are considered positively placed (%)	91.00
205	Total cost per full-time equivalent	
206	student (\$)	5,288.00
207	Physical Plant Operation	
208	Percentage of community & junior colleges	
209	with a written comprehensive safety &	
210	health program implemented to ensure	
211	safe working conditions & practices (%)	100
212	Number of student injuries on community	
213	& junior colleges grounds (Students)	75
214	Number of employee injuries on community	
215	& junior colleges grounds (Employees)	105
216	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
217	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
218	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
219	Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.	
220	<b>SECTION 16.</b> The following sum, or so much thereof as may be	
221	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State	
222	General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for	
223	Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the	
224	cost of Advanced Training Centers at each of the Public Community	

225 and Junior Colleges, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,  
226 and ending June 30, 2008.....\$ 2,250,000.00.

227 **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
228 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
229 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
230 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
231 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
232 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
233 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
234 made without competitive bids.

235 **SECTION 18.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
236 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
237 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
238 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

239 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
240 the following criteria:

241 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

242 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising  
243 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

244 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired  
245 by media without cost.

246 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
247 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
248 media expenditures.

249 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

250 **SECTION 19.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
251 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
252 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
253 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
254 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
255 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

256 **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
257 and after July 1, 2007.