

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1662: Appropriation; Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
 7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
 8 the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Examiners for
 9 Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists for the purpose
 10 of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year
 11 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
 12 \$ 345,640.00.

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

17 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

18 Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 182,810.00
Travel and Subsistence.....	20,000.00
Contractual Services.....	118,030.00
Commodities.....	19,800.00
23 Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
Equipment.....	5,000.00
Vehicles.....	0.00

27	Wireless Communication Devices.....	0.00
28	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
29	Total..... \$	345,640.00

30 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

31	Permanent: Full Time.....	5
32	Part Time.....	0
33	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
34	Part Time.....	0

35 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
36 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
37 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
38 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever
39 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

40 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
41 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
42 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
43 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
44 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
45 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
46 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
47 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
48 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
49 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
50 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
51 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
52 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal
53 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds
54 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any
55 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board
56 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause
57 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year
58 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then

59 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or
60 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State
61 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this
62 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board
63 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance
64 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in
65 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

66 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
67 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
68 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
69 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
70 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
71 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
72 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
73 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
74 appropriated level.

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

79 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
80 Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family
81 Therapists shall maintain complete accounting and personnel
82 records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under
83 this act and that such records shall be in the same format and
84 level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2007. It is further
85 the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request
86 for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
87 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
88 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2008
89 budget request process.

90 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
91 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
92 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
93 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
94 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
95 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
96 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
97 made without competitive bids.

98 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
99 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
100 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
101 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
102 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
103 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

104 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
105 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
4 THERAPISTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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