

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

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

S. B. No. 3127: Appropriation; IHL - General Support - Subsidiary Programs -Consol.

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

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

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

7           **SECTION 1.** The following sums of money, or so much thereof  
8 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in  
9 the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of  
10 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose  
11 of support of the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water  
12 Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Jackson  
13 State University Urban Research Center, Mississippi Mineral  
14 Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical  
15 Sciences, the Supercomputer, the Stennis Institute of Government,  
16 Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Small Business  
17 Development Center, Stennis Center for Higher Learning, the  
18 Commission for Volunteer Services and the executive office of the  
19 board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and  
20 ending June 30, 2008..... \$     24,937,103.00.

21           **SECTION 2.** The following sums of money, or so much thereof  
22 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds  
23 from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not  
24 otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State  
25 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of  
26 Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute,  
27 Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis Institute of

28 Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Mississippi Small  
 29 Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources  
 30 Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences,  
 31 the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for Higher  
 32 Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute,  
 33 Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the Commission for  
 34 Volunteer Services and the executive office of the board of  
 35 trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
 36 June 30, 2008..... \$ 65,357,275.00.

37 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 38 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
 39 Treasury to the credit of the:

40 Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program...\$ 150,000.00.  
 41 State Court Education Program.....\$ 1,416,305.00.

42 for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said  
 43 programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
 44 June 30, 2008.

45 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
 46 Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the following amounts, or so much thereof  
 47 as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board of Trustees of  
 48 State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purposes hereinafter  
 49 set forth:

50 (1) From State General Funds, for the support of:

51 Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for  
 52 the sum of..... \$ 6,780,203.00.

53 Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....\$ 3,802,128.00.

54 Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the  
 55 sum of..... \$ 1,519,477.00.

56 Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the  
 57 sum of..... \$ 128,331.00.

58 Mississippi Law Research Institute for the  
 59 sum of..... \$ 882,514.00.

60	Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for		
61	the sum of.....	\$	496,636.00.
62	Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences		
63	for the sum of.....	\$	3,675,791.00.
64	Jackson State University Urban Research		
65	Center for the sum of.....	\$	535,059.00.
66	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the		
67	sum of.....	\$	3,278,394.00.
68	Supercomputer for the sum of.....	\$	845,535.00.
69	Mississippi Polymer Institute for		
70	the sum of.....	\$	569,126.00.
71	Mississippi Small Business Development		
72	Center for the sum of.....	\$	277,003.00.
73	Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher		
74	Learning for the sum of.....	\$	546,241.00.
75	Stennis Institute of Government for the		
76	sum of.....	\$	1,085,892.00.
77	Commission for Volunteer Services for		
78	the sum of.....	\$	514,773.00.
79	(2) From Special Funds, for the support of:		
80	Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for		
81	the sum of.....	\$	34,163,202.00.
82	Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the		
83	sum of.....	\$	486,023.00.
84	Mississippi Law Research Institute for the		
85	sum of.....	\$	1,389,472.00.
86	Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for		
87	the sum of.....	\$	7,065,716.00.
88	Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences		
89	for the sum of.....	\$	8,536,677.00.
90	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the		
91	sum of.....	\$	2,055,233.00.

92 Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety  
 93 for the sum of..... \$ 1,259,342.00.  
 94 Mississippi Polymer Institute ..... \$ 84,877.00.  
 95 Mississippi Small Business Development  
 96 Center for the sum of..... \$ 803,253.00.  
 97 Commission for Volunteer Services for  
 98 the sum of..... \$ 9,513,480.00.

99 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1,  
 100 and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the Board of  
 101 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate  
 102 for Sea Grants matching One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
 103 (\$175,000.00) for the Fiscal Year 2008.

104 Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in  
 105 the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research  
 106 Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
 107 Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget  
 108 reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123,  
 109 Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be  
 110 applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea  
 111 Grant match.

112 It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds  
 113 authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal  
 114 funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries  
 115 authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
 116 withdrawn and no longer available.

117 After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided  
 118 the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of  
 119 charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi  
 120 Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional  
 121 services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
 122 Sections 1 and 2 if any charges for such services previously  
 123 provided are more than ninety (90) days past due. After all such

124 delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the laboratory may  
125 provide additional services to the client.

126         **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 and  
127 authorized for expenditure in Section 4(2), the following amounts  
128 shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited  
129 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of  
130 1972:

131             Executive Office of the Board of Trustees

132                     for the sum of..... \$         439,370.00.

133         **SECTION 6.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall  
134 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or  
135 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board  
136 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of  
137 the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of  
138 the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi  
139 Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or  
140 regulations that implement state or federal law.

141         **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
142 budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and  
143 programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be  
144 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
145 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
146 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

147         **SECTION 8.** The Board of Trustees shall report yearly to the  
148 Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51,  
149 Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

150         **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
151 Section 2, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be  
152 derived from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section 27-  
153 103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the Board of Trustees  
154 Executive Office audit expense.

155           **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
156 of Section 2, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) is  
157 provided for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
158 University Research Center Bureau of Comprehensive Long-range  
159 Economic Planning in supporting the Mississippi Delta Regional  
160 Revitalization Act of 2006, as created in House Bill No, 1034  
161 (2006 Regular Session).

162           **SECTION 11.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
163 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
164 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
165 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

166           **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
167 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
168 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
169 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
170 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
171 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
172 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
173 made without competitive bids.

174           **SECTION 13.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
175 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
176 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
177 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

178           Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
179 the following criteria:

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

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

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

185 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
186 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
187 media expenditures.

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

189 **SECTION 14.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
190 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
191 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
192 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
193 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
194 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

195 **SECTION 15.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
196 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 TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT  
3 UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR  
4 WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD  
5 OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
Chaney

X (SIGNED)  
Gadd

X (SIGNED)  
Harden

X (SIGNED)  
Davis