

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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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 1, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) 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

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Davis