

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. 3130: Appropriation; Jr. Colleges - Admin.

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:

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 administrative expenses of the State Board for
9 Community and Junior Colleges for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 7,169,142.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
13 Treasury to the credit of the State Board for Community and Junior
14 Colleges, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses
15 of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
17 \$ 79,123,799.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
19 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
20 Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Proprietary School and
21 College Registration, for the purpose of defraying the expenses
22 incurred in the regulation and administration of the Mississippi
23 Proprietary School and College Registration Law and the associated
24 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for
25 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008
26 \$ 70,000.00.

27 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
28 Sections 1, 2, and 3, the following positions are authorized:

29 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

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|----|---------------|----------------|----|
| 30 | Permanent: | Full Time..... | 41 |
| 31 | | Part Time..... | 0 |
| 32 | Time-Limited: | Full Time..... | 1 |
| 33 | | Part Time..... | 0 |

34 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
35 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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39 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

40 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
41 budget requests of the administrative expenses of the State Board
42 for Community and Junior Colleges for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be
43 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
44 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
45 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

46 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated herein, One Million
47 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work Force
48 Carryover Fund as created by House Bill No. 1271, 1995 Regular
49 Session.

50 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2,
51 funds in the amount of Forty Million Nine Hundred Nineteen
52 Thousand One Hundred Ninety-four Dollars (\$40,919,194.00) are
53 appropriated for the Workforce Education Program and Industrial
54 Training. Of these funds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
55 (\$200,000.00) is appropriated to implement a pilot program that
56 promotes workplace readiness using a nationally accepted
57 assessment and granting career readiness certificates using
58 KeyTrain and WorkKeys Job Skills Assessment System. No funding

59 obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for
60 industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in
61 this section. All industrial training program commitments made in
62 Fiscal Year 2008 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon
63 funds available in this section and any proposed commitments shall
64 be approved by the Executive Director of the State Board for
65 Community and Junior Colleges, or the Executive Director's
66 designee prior to such commitment being finalized. Industrial
67 training program commitments shall be made and based only upon
68 training services provided and not for a specific funding amount.
69 Any expenditures of funds authorized in this section are limited
70 to obligations made July 1, 2007, or after, and shall not be
71 expended for obligations made prior to this date.

72 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
73 the amount of Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) shall
74 be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited
75 into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall
76 be utilized exclusively by the State Board for Community and
77 Junior Colleges for workforce training in accordance with Senate
78 Bill 2480, 2005 Regular Session. It is the intention of the
79 Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall
80 have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside
81 as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2009 Workforce
82 Education Program.

83 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
84 the amount of Nine Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-
85 eight Dollars (\$919,998.00) shall be derived from fees charged for
86 the Community College Network, Workforce On-line Training Program
87 and the Mississippi Virtual Community College and funds in the
88 amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
89 (\$3,500,000.00) shall be transferred from the Community and Junior
90 College Education Technology fund for the purpose of defraying the

91 costs of the Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce
92 On-line Training Program and the administrative expenses of the
93 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

94 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
95 of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars
96 (\$100,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for issuing
97 duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the General
98 Education Development (GED) Testing Program for the purpose of
99 defraying the costs of administering the GED Testing Program of
100 the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, in accordance
101 with Senate Bill No. 2626, 2002 Regular Session.

102 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
103 State Board of Community and Junior Colleges is hereby authorized
104 to accept, budget and expend funds from any source in an amount
105 not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in accordance
106 with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
107 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
108 federal funds.

109 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
110 the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be
111 derived from the transfer of post-secondary vocational and
112 technical funds from the Mississippi Department of Education to
113 the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose
114 of managing the day-to-day operations of post-secondary vocational
115 and technical education.

116 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds provided in Section 2, not more
117 than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be used for
118 a pilot project to implement dual enrollment opportunities in
119 practical nursing programs for secondary students.

120 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Five
121 Hundred Forty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-two Dollars
122 (\$548,492.00) is provided to the State Board for Community and

123 Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the cost of the
124 Greenville Higher Education Center.

125 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
126 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
127 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
128 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
129 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
130 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
131 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
132 made without competitive bids.

133 **SECTION 16.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
134 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
135 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
136 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

137 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
138 the following criteria:

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

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

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

144 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
145 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
146 media expenditures.

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

148 **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an
149 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot
150 shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of
151 Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

152 **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
153 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
154 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon

155 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
156 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
157 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

158 **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
159 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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND
3 JUNIOR COLLEGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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