

By: Representatives Frierson, Moore, Rogers  
(14th), Barker, Bennett, Clarke, Coleman  
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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1476  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING  
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN  
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL  
4 YEAR 2015.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including  
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for  
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015,  
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and  
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
16 Division.....\$ 118,884,378.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....



20 .....\$ 73,030,850.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for  
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,  
24 as provided in Section 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code  
25 of 1972.....\$ 20,776,890.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the  
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
28 .....\$ 1,876,799,571.00.

29 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
30 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and  
31 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 10,583,039.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,100,074,728.00.

34 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
35 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special  
36 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or  
37 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following  
38 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending  
39 June 30, 2015, as follows:

40 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
41 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
42 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
43 Division.....\$ 875,261,190.00.



44 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
45 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
46 Division of the State Department of Education.....  
47 .....\$ 20,961,711.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education  
50 Program.....\$ 281,353,448.00.

51 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
52 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and  
53 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 1,177,418.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,178,753,767.00.

56 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
57 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars  
58 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is  
59 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit  
60 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of  
61 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
62 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing  
63 vision safety services.

64 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
65 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are  
66 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of  
67 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
68 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:



69 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the  
70 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for  
71 the following purposes:

72	General Education.....	\$	4,986,137.00.
73	Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....	\$	4,233,806.00.
74	Educable Child.....	\$	7,000,000.00.
75	Grants to school districts for capital 76 facilities and buses.....	\$	16,000,000.00.
77	Instructional materials.....	\$	12,000,000.00.
78	Implementing Performance Based Data 79 Collection and Accreditation 80 Model.....	\$	274,937.00.
81	Testing.....	\$	2,545,451.00.
82	Common Core/Literacy.....	\$	694,082.00.
83	TOTAL.....	\$	47,734,413.00.

84 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the  
85 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....  
86 .....\$ 4,937,258.00.

87 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide  
88 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
89 .....\$ 211,353,448.00.

90 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
91 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and  
92 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$457,037.00.



93           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the  
94 following positions are authorized for the State Department of  
95 Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical  
96 Education Division:

97       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

98	Permanent:	Full Time.....	380
99		Part Time.....	3
100	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	90
101		Part Time.....	0

102       With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
103 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
104 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
105 Services" for Fiscal Year 2016 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2015  
106 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
107 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2015 budget by the  
108 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
109 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
110 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
111 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
112 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure  
113 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
114 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations for "Personal  
115 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
116 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
117 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency



118 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
119 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2015 "Personal Services"  
120 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
121 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
122 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
123 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

124 Unless otherwise authorized in this act, no state agency  
125 shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary  
126 increases through reallocation, reclassification, realignment,  
127 educational benchmark, career ladder, equity salary adjustment, or  
128 any other means to increase salaries of employees or positions  
129 unless specifically exempted by the following conditions: the  
130 award of teacher salary increments; the advancement of a  
131 trainee/cadet to the next level of a bona fide career ladder; the  
132 award of an educational benchmark for the attainment of a  
133 Certified Public Accountant License or higher level professional  
134 certification; the immediate replacement of a departing employee  
135 with an employee from within state service at a salary level of  
136 the departing employee or the FY2015 promotional formula,  
137 whichever is less; the emergency appointment of nurses,  
138 pharmacists or other health care and child protection  
139 professionals at a salary to be determined by the State Personnel  
140 Board or any other requested action of the agency that has been  
141 specifically authorized by the Legislature.



142 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
143 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
144 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
145 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
146 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
147 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
148 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
149 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
150 appropriated level.

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

155 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
156 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
157 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
158 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
159 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,  
160 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
161 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make  
162 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
163 below:

164		FY2015
165	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
166	Special Education	



167	Placement of Students with Disabilities in a	
168	General Education Setting as their Least	
169	Restrictive Environment (LRE) (%)	67.05
170	2011-2012 Baseline: 66.20%	
171	Students with Disabilities Enrolled in Higher	
172	Education; other Post-secondary Education	
173	or Training Program; or Employed within	
174	One Year of Leaving High School (%)	84.00
175	2011-2012 Baseline: 78.00%	
176	Child Nutrition	
177	Nutritious Meals Served in Compliance	
178	with USDA & State Board of Education	
179	Policies (%)	100.00
180	Baseline: 100.00%	
181	Special Projects	
182	Increase Number of Students Receiving	
183	Scholarships (School of the Arts) (%)	1.00
184	2011-2012 Baseline: 70.00% of 61 Students	
185	MS School For Math & Science	
186	Increase Student Enrollment (%)	13.73
187	2011-2012 Baseline: 226	
188	Educational Accountability	
189	Accreditation Evaluation for Public &	
190	Nonpublic Schools (Evaluations)	42
191	2011-2012 Baseline: 40 Evaluations	





192	Students Graduating from High School	
193	(85.00% by 2018-2019 MS CODE 37-13-80)	
194	Increase Graduation Rate (%)	2.00
195	2011-2012 Baseline: 73.40%	
196	Decrease Dropout Rate (%)	1.00
197	2011-2012 Baseline: 16.70%	
198	Reduce Number of Schools Earning "D" or	
199	"F" Rating on the State Accountability	
200	System (%)	10.00
201	2011-2012 Baseline: 35.00%	
202	School Districts in Compliance with State	
203	Testing Regulations (%)	96.00
204	2011-2012 Baseline: 88.00%	
205	Educ Training & Development	
206	Relevant Technical Assistance Provided	
207	to School Districts on Curriculum &	
208	Instruction (%)	0.00
209	2012-2013 Baseline: 83.00%	
210	Relevant Training & Technical Assistance	
211	to District Test Coordinators (%)	87.00
212	2011-2012 Baseline: 80.00%	
213	Compensatory Education	
214	School Districts in Compliance with	
215	Titles I, II, III, IV, VI, & X (%)	95.00
216	2011-2012 Baseline: 85.00%	



217	Community & Outreach Services	
218	Apply for All Available Federal Funds (%)	100.00
219	Educational Technology	
220	Increase Minimum District Capacity to	
221	Administer On-line Assessments (%)	10.00
222	2011-2012 Baseline: Approximately 50.00%	
223	MS School Attendance Officers	
224	Resolutions of Referrals for Non-Attendance	
225	Submitted by Local School Districts (%)	98.00
226	Baseline: 98.00%	
227	School Visits by Attendance Officers	
228	(Number of Visits per School)	9
229	2011-2012 Baseline: 20,000 Total Annual	
230	Visits	
231	MS Teacher Center	
232	Increase Cohort of New Teachers Retained	
233	After Five Years (%)	1.00
234	2011-2012 Baseline: 60.00%	
235	Educator Referrals to Critical Shortage	
236	Areas (CSAs) (Number of)	525
237	2011-2012 Baseline: 450	
238	Reduce Violations of Mississippi Code of	
239	Ethics (%)	0.00
240	2012-2013 Baseline: 20	



241           **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 242 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 243 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
 244 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
 245 achieve the intended mission of the Mississippi Adequate Education  
 246 Program. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make  
 247 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
 248 below:

249		FY2015
250	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
251	Basic Program	
252	Increase Students Passing Algebra I	
253	Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	1.00
254	2011-2012 Baseline: 81.90%	
255	Increase Students Passing Biology I	
256	Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	2.00
257	2011-2012 Baseline: 74.70%	
258	Increase Students Passing English II	
259	Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	2.00
260	2011-2012 Baseline: 73.10%	
261	Increase Students Passing US History	
262	Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	2.00
263	2011-2012 Baseline: 72.90%	
264	Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above	
265	on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in	



266 Grades 3-8 in Reading/Language Arts (%) 2.50

267 2011-2012 Baseline: 56.50%

268 Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above

269 on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in

270 Grades 3-8 in Math (%) 2.50

271 2011-2012 Baseline: 63.50%

272 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
273 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
274 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
275 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
276 achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Deaf  
277 of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding  
278 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the  
279 targeted performance measures provided below:

280 FY2015

281 Performance Measures Target

282 Instruction

283 School for the Blind - Increase Graduation

284 Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%) 65.00

285 2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%

286 School for the Deaf - Increase Number of

287 Students Receiving Standard &

288 Occupational Diploma (%) 97.00

289 2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00%

290 Student Services



291	School for the Blind - Increase Eligible High	
292	School Students Working Part-time (%)	37.00
293	2011-2012 Baseline: 34.00%	
294	Operation & Maintenance	
295	Number of Persons Served Through	
296	Community Sign Language Classes	150
297	Number of Parents Served Through	
298	Community Sign Language Classes	60

299       **SECTION 9.** No school district shall expend any funds,  
300 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such  
301 school district has specifically identified the amount of the  
302 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,  
303 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the  
304 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as  
305 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the  
306 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

307       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two  
308 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be  
309 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose  
310 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
311 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
312 Division.

313       **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
314 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from  
315 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement



316 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of  
317 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for  
318 the School for Math and Science.

319       **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
320 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the  
321 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
322 Department of Education:

323       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

324	Permanent:	Full Time.....	51
325		Part Time.....	0
326	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
327		Part Time.....	0

328       With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
329 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
330 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
331 Services" for Fiscal Year 2016 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2015  
332 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
333 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2015 budget by the  
334 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
335 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
336 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
337 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
338 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure  
339 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
340 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations for "Personal



341 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
342 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
343 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
344 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
345 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2015 "Personal Services"  
346 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
347 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
348 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
349 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

350 Unless otherwise authorized in this act, no state agency  
351 shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary  
352 increases through reallocation, reclassification, realignment,  
353 educational benchmark, career ladder, equity salary adjustment, or  
354 any other means to increase salaries of employees or positions  
355 unless specifically exempted by the following conditions: the  
356 award of teacher salary increments; the advancement of a  
357 trainee/cadet to the next level of a bona fide career ladder; the  
358 award of an educational benchmark for the attainment of a  
359 Certified Public Accountant License or higher level professional  
360 certification; the immediate replacement of a departing employee  
361 with an employee from within state service at a salary level of  
362 the departing employee or the FY2015 promotional formula,  
363 whichever is less; the emergency appointment of nurses,  
364 pharmacists or other health care and child protection  
365 professionals at a salary to be determined by the State Personnel



366 Board or any other requested action of the agency that has been  
367 specifically authorized by the Legislature.

368 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
369 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
370 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
371 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
372 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
373 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
374 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
375 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
376 appropriated level.

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

381 **SECTION 13.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
382 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
383 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
384 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
385 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical  
386 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on  
387 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to  
388 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

389		FY2015
390	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>





391 Secondary Programs

392       Increase Career & Technical Education

393               (CTE) Student Completers' Placement

394               Rate (%) 5.00

395               2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%

396       Increase Students Served in CTE (%) 1.00

397               2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785

398 Post-secondary Programs

399       Short Term Adult Programs (Num of Classes) 255

400       A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets

401 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the

402 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget

403 Committee for Fiscal Year 2016.

404       **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount

405 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred

406 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of

407 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in

408 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess

409 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

410       **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the

411 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State

412 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in

413 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars

414 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation



415 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase  
416 soil conservation equipment.

417       **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more  
418 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is  
419 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of  
420 America Center.

421       **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
422 State Department of Education shall have the authority to accept,  
423 budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Thirty Million  
424 Dollars (\$30,000,000.00), that become available to the department  
425 to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner consistent  
426 with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
427 Administration.

428       **SECTION 18.** The State Department of Education shall transfer  
429 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall  
430 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in  
431 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any  
432 improper expenditure, for the following: World Class Teacher  
433 Centers, Children's Center for Communications and Development,  
434 Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Mississippi Eye Screening  
435 Program-Vision Research Corporation, Magnolia Speech School,  
436 Dubard School, Sight Savers, Very Special Arts, Mississippi  
437 Symphony, Mississippi Autism Center, Save the Children and Teach  
438 for America.



439           **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
440 not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars  
441 (\$1,800,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for  
442 agricultural programs, robotic engineering programs and equipment  
443 upgrades from the Vocational and Technical Education Division of  
444 the State Department of Education.

445           **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
446 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),  
447 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the  
448 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the  
449 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution  
450 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school  
451 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of  
452 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the  
453 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the  
454 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal  
455 Year 1985.

456           **SECTION 21.** Of the funds provided in this act for the  
457 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as  
458 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the  
459 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2015 shall be Five Thousand One  
460 Hundred Forty Dollars and Seven Cents (\$5,140.07).

461           **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
462 not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be  
463 derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund



464 for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in Section  
465 37-151-7(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

466 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
467 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the  
468 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
469 the Deaf:

470 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

471	Permanent:	Full Time.....	180
472		Part Time.....	25
473	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
474		Part Time.....	0

475 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
476 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
477 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
478 Services" for Fiscal Year 2016 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2015  
479 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
480 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2015 budget by the  
481 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
482 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
483 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
484 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
485 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure  
486 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
487 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations for "Personal  
488 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.



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490 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
491 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
492 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2015 "Personal Services"  
493 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
494 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
495 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
496 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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498 shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary  
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505 award of an educational benchmark for the attainment of a  
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514 specifically authorized by the Legislature.

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517 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
518 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
519 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
520 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
521 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
522 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
523 appropriated level.

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

528 **SECTION 24.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the  
529 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and  
530 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the  
531 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual  
532 increment.

533 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
534 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and  
535 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
536 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
537 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year



538 2014. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
539 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2016 shall be submitted to the  
540 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
541 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
542 Fiscal Year 2015 budget request process for each agency and  
543 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

544 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 to the  
545 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-two Million Six  
546 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$22,600,000.00) shall be used for  
547 National Board Certification.

548 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
549 Section 2 not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
550 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
551 Program.

552 **SECTION 28.** The public school districts of the state are  
553 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred  
554 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the  
555 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired  
556 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
557 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the  
558 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for  
559 this purpose.

560 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015  
561 for the Educable Child Program, the Mississippi Department of



562 Education is authorized to pay the remaining balance up to Two  
563 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 claims.

564       **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three  
565 Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) shall be for  
566 the Dubard School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

567       **SECTION 31.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
568 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
569 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
570 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,  
571 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
572 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
573 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
574 made without competitive bids.

575       **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less  
576 than Five Million One Hundred Ninety-six Thousand Three Hundred  
577 Eleven Dollars (\$5,196,311.00) shall be used for the Compulsory  
578 School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

579       **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Five  
580 Hundred Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-one Dollars  
581 (\$542,541.00) is provided for the Magnolia Speech School.

582       **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is  
583 the intention of the Legislature that Three Hundred Thousand  
584 Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be used for professional development  
585 for dyslexia and other related disorders.





586           **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
587 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred  
588 Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary  
589 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The  
590 amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars  
591 (\$3,600,000.00) shall be transferred from the Department of  
592 Health.

593           **SECTION 36.** The State Department of Education shall contract  
594 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the  
595 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student  
596 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on  
597 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,  
598 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for  
599 calculating the estimates of these components due to the  
600 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the  
601 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the  
602 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding  
603 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of  
604 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2015.

605           **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
606 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars  
607 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be  
608 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

609           **SECTION 38.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
610 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for



611 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
612 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be  
613 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health  
614 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred  
615 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

616 **SECTION 39.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
617 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under  
618 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the  
619 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a  
620 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

621 **SECTION 40.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
622 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or  
623 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars  
624 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of  
625 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency  
626 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code  
627 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending  
628 June 30, 2015. The school districts receiving these loans shall  
629 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the  
630 loan on or before June 30, 2015.

631 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven  
632 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
633 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2014.

634 **SECTION 42.** Any school district receiving funds through Save  
635 the Children and Learning Through Sports/Kids College shall



636 provide a thirty percent (30%) match from local funds for  
637 implementation of the program.

638         **SECTION 43.** Of the funds in Section 1, Six Million Dollars  
639 (\$6,000,000.00) is provided for Teach for America.

640         **SECTION 44.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
641 State Department of Education shall have the authority to receive,  
642 escalate spending authority, and expend such sums as may be  
643 received from the Department of Mental Health to expand community  
644 services identified by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health  
645 that will improve the State of Mississippi's compliance with the  
646 Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court. Further, it  
647 is the intention of the Legislature that any sums received from  
648 this source that are not expended during the fiscal year ending  
649 June 30, 2015, by the State Department of Education, shall be  
650 reappropriated for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending  
651 June 30, 2016. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature  
652 that the State Department of Education shall account for the  
653 expenditure of these funds in sufficient detail to clearly show  
654 the purposes for which such funds were expended.

655         **SECTION 45.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Five  
656 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00) is provided  
657 for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in  
658 Schools (MCOPS) grant program.



659           **SECTION 46.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), One  
660 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is provided  
661 for a Performance Based Compensation- Pilot Program.

662           **SECTION 47.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), One  
663 Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) is provided  
664 for a Digital Interactive Learning Pilot Program.

665           **SECTION 48.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Six  
666 Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood  
667 Education Initiative program.

668           **SECTION 49.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three  
669 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is provided for Mississippi  
670 Building Blocks.

671           **SECTION 50.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), One  
672 Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) is provided  
673 for the State Longitudinal Data System.

674           **SECTION 51.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
675 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) shall be  
676 used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

677           **SECTION 52.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
678 intention of the Legislature that Three Hundred Thousand Dollars  
679 (\$300,000.00) shall be used for SkoolAds for Tobacco Prevention.  
680 The amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall  
681 be transferred from the Department of Health.

682           **SECTION 53.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
683 of Section 2(a), Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much



684 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury  
685 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section  
686 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as  
687 determined by the Treasurer's Office is provided for the Public  
688 School Building Fund.

689         **SECTION 54.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid  
690 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
691 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
692 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
693 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
694 officers in the manner provided by law.

695         **SECTION 55.** This appropriation is on condition that a pay  
696 plan be developed that would provide for at least a One Thousand  
697 Dollar (\$1,000.00) additional amount of compensation for every  
698 state employee receiving payment from this act for the 2014-2015  
699 state fiscal year.

700         **SECTION 56.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
701 and after July 1, 2014.

