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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1536
(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 2016.

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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016,
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.....\$ 123,688,446.00.

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\$ 76,193,758.00.

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.....\$ 16,288,454.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,026,855,223.00.

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.....\$ 9,950,448.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,252,976,329.00.

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, 2015, and ending
39 June 30, 2016, 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.....\$ 865,508,895.00.



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\$ 20,962,954.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
50 Program.....\$ 284,582,906.00.

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.....\$ 1,927,418.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,172,982,173.00.

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	Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....\$	6,333,806.00.
73	Educable Child.....\$	7,000,000.00.
74	Grants to school districts for capital	
75	facilities and buses.....\$	16,000,000.00.
76	Instructional materials.....\$	12,000,000.00.
77	Implementing Performance Based Data	
78	Collection and Accreditation	
79	Model.....\$	274,937.00.
80	Testing.....\$	6,125,670.00.
81	Mississippi School for Math	
82	and Science.....\$	125,000.00.
83	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.....\$	125,000.00.
84	TOTAL.....\$	47,984,413.00.

85 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
86 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
87\$ 4,937,258.00.

88 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
89 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
90\$ 214,582,906.00.

91 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
92 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
93 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 1,207,037.00.



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

98 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

99	Permanent:	Full Time.....	378
100		Part Time.....	3
101	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	85
102		Part Time.....	0

103 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
104 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
105 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2017 do not
106 exceed Fiscal Year 2016 funds appropriated for that purpose,
107 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
108 2016 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
109 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
110 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
111 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
112 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
113 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
114 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2016
115 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
116 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
117 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
118 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency



119 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
120 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2016 "Personal Services"
121 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
122 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
123 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
124 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

125 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
126 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
127 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
128 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
129 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
130 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
131 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
132 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
133 appropriated level.

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

138 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
139 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
140 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
141 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

142 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
143 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of



144 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
145 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
146 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,
147 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
148 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
149 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
150 below:

	FY2016
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
153 Special Education	
154 Placement of Students with Disabilities in a	
155 General Education Setting as their Least	
156 Restrictive Environment (LRE) (%)	67.20
157 2011-2012 Baseline: 66.20%	
158 Students with Disabilities Enrolled in Higher	
159 Education; other Post-secondary Education	
160 or Training Program; or Employed within	
161 One Year of Leaving High School (%)	84.00
162 2011-2012 Baseline: 78.00%	
163 Child Nutrition	
164 Nutritious Meals Served in Compliance with	
165 USDA & State Board of Education Policies (%)	100.00
166 Baseline: 100.00%	
167 Special Projects	
168 Increase Number of Students Receiving	



169	Scholarships (School of the Arts) (%)	1.00
170	2011-2012 Baseline: 70.00% of 61 Students	
171	MS School For Math & Science	
172	Increase Student Enrollment (%)	4.08
173	2011-2012 Baseline: 226	
174	Educational Accountability	
175	Accreditation Evaluation for Public &	
176	Nonpublic Schools (Evaluations)	50
177	2011-2012 Baseline: 40 Evaluations	
178	Students Graduating from High School	
179	(85.00% by 2018-2019 MS CODE 37-13-80)	
180	Increase Graduation Rate (%)	2.00
181	2011-2012 Baseline: 73.40%	
182	Decrease Dropout Rate (%)	1.00
183	2011-2012 Baseline: 16.70%	
184	Reduce Number of Schools Earning "D" or	
185	"F" Rating on the State Accountability	
186	System (%)	10.00
187	2011-2012 Baseline: 35.00%	
188	School Districts in Compliance with State	
189	Testing Regulations (%)	96.00
190	2011-2012 Baseline: 88.00%	
191	Educ Training & Development	
192	Relevant Technical Assistance Provided	
193	to School Districts on Curriculum &	



194	Instruction (%)	87.00
195	2012-2013 Baseline: 83.00%	
196	Relevant Training & Technical Assistance	
197	to District Test Coordinators (%)	95.00
198	2011-2012 Baseline: 80.00%	
199	Compensatory Education	
200	School Districts in Compliance with	
201	Titles I, II, III, IV, VI, & X (%)	95.00
202	2011-2012 Baseline: 85.00%	
203	Community & Outreach Services	
204	Apply for All Available Federal Funds (%)	100.00
205	Educational Technology	
206	Increase Minimum District Capacity to	
207	Administer On-line Assessments (%)	30.00
208	2011-2012 Baseline: Approximately 50.00%	
209	MS School Attendance Officers	
210	Resolutions of Referrals for Non-Attendance	
211	Submitted by Local School Districts (%)	98.00
212	Baseline: 98.00%	
213	School Visits by Attendance Officers	
214	(Number of Visits per School)	9
215	2011-2012 Baseline: 20,000 Total Annual	
216	Visits	
217	MS Teacher Center	
218	Increase Cohort of New Teachers Retained	



219 After Five Years (%) 1.00
 220 2011-2012 Baseline: 60.00%
 221 Educator Referrals to Critical Shortage
 222 Areas (CSAs) (Number of) 600
 223 2011-2012 Baseline: 450
 224 Reduce Violations of Mississippi Code of
 225 Ethics (%) 25.00
 226 2012-2013 Baseline: 20

227 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 228 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 229 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
 230 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 231 achieve the intended mission of the Mississippi Adequate Education
 232 Program. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
 233 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
 234 below:

235		FY2016
236	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
237	Basic Program	
238	Increase Students Passing Algebra I	
239	Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	1.00
240	2011-2012 Baseline: 81.90%	
241	Increase Students Passing Biology I	
242	Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	2.00
243	2011-2012 Baseline: 74.70%	



244 Increase Students Passing English II
 245 Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%) 2.00
 246 2011-2012 Baseline: 73.10%

247 Increase Students Passing US History
 248 Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%) 2.00
 249 2011-2012 Baseline: 72.90%

250 Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above
 251 on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in
 252 Grades 3-8 in Reading/Language Arts (%) 2.50
 253 2011-2012 Baseline: 56.50%

254 Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above
 255 on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in
 256 Grades 3-8 in Math (%) 2.50
 257 2011-2012 Baseline: 63.50%

258 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 259 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 260 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
 261 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 262 achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Deaf
 263 of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding
 264 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the
 265 targeted performance measures provided below:

266		FY2016
267	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
268	Instruction	



269	School for the Blind - Increase Graduation	
270	Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%)	60.00
271	2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%	
272	School for the Deaf - Increase Number of	
273	Students Receiving Standard &	
274	Occupational Diploma (%)	75.00
275	2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00%	
276	Student Services	
277	School for the Blind - Increase Eligible High	
278	School Students Working Part-time (%)	36.00
279	2011-2012 Baseline: 34.00%	
280	Operation & Maintenance	
281	Number of Persons Served Through	
282	Community Sign Language Classes	165.00
283	Number of Parents Served Through	
284	Community Sign Language Classes	60.00

285 **SECTION 9.** No school district shall expend any funds,
286 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
287 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
288 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
289 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
290 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
291 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
292 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."



293 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
294 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
295 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
296 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
297 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
298 Division.

299 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
300 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
301 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
302 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
303 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
304 the School for Math and Science.

305 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
306 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
307 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
308 Department of Education:

309 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

310	Permanent:	Full Time.....	51
311		Part Time.....	0
312	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
313		Part Time.....	0

314 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
315 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
316 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2017 do not
317 exceed Fiscal Year 2016 funds appropriated for that purpose,



318 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
319 2016 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
320 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
321 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
322 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
323 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
324 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
325 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2016
326 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
327 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
328 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
329 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
330 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
331 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2016 "Personal Services"
332 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
333 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
334 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
335 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

336 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
337 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
338 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
339 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
340 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
341 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
342 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



343 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
344 appropriated level.

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

349 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
350 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
351 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
352 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

353 **SECTION 13.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
354 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
355 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
356 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
357 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical
358 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on
359 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to
360 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2016
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Secondary Programs	
Increase Career & Technical Education	
(CTE) Student Completers' Placement	
Rate (%)	2.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%	



368 Increase Students Served in CTE (%) 1.00

369 2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785

370 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
371 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
372 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
373 Committee for Fiscal Year 2017.

374 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
375 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
376 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
377 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
378 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
379 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

380 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
381 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
382 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
383 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
384 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
385 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
386 soil conservation equipment.

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

391 **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
392 State Department of Education shall have the authority to accept,



393 budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Thirty Million
394 Dollars (\$30,000,000.00), that become available to the department
395 to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner consistent
396 with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
397 Administration.

398 **SECTION 18.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
399 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
400 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
401 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
402 improper expenditure, for the following: World Class Teacher
403 Centers, Children's Center for Communications and Development,
404 Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Mississippi Eye Screening
405 Program-Vision Research Corporation, Magnolia Speech School,
406 Dubard School, Sight Savers, Very Special Arts, Mississippi
407 Symphony, Mississippi Autism Center, Save the Children and Teach
408 for America.

409 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
410 not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars
411 (\$1,800,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
412 agricultural programs, robotic engineering programs and equipment
413 upgrades from the Vocational and Technical Education Division of
414 the State Department of Education.

415 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
416 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
417 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the



418 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
419 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
420 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
421 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
422 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
423 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
424 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
425 Year 1985.

426 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
427 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
428 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
429 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2016 shall be Five Thousand Three
430 Hundred Fifty-four Dollars and Ninety-eight Cents (\$5,354.98).

431 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
432 not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be
433 derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund
434 for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in Section
435 37-151-7(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

436 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
437 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
438 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
439 the Deaf:

440 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

441 Permanent:	Full Time.....	170
442	Part Time.....	18



443 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 1
444 Part Time..... 0

445 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
446 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
447 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2017 do not
448 exceed Fiscal Year 2016 funds appropriated for that purpose,
449 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
450 2016 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
451 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
452 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
453 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
454 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
455 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
456 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2016
457 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
458 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
459 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
460 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
461 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
462 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2016 "Personal Services"
463 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
464 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
465 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
466 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.



467 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
468 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
469 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
470 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
471 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
472 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
473 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
474 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
475 appropriated level.

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

480 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
481 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
482 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
483 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

484 **SECTION 24.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
485 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
486 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
487 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
488 increment.

489 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
490 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
491 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds



492 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
493 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year
494 2015. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
495 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2017 shall be submitted to the
496 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
497 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
498 Fiscal Year 2016 budget request process for each agency and
499 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

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

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

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



516 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015
517 for the Educable Child Program, the Mississippi Department of
518 Education is authorized to pay the remaining balance up to Two
519 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 claims.

520 **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Five
521 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be for the Dubard
522 School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

523 **SECTION 31.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
524 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
525 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
526 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
527 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
528 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
529 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
530 made without competitive bids.

531 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
532 than Six Million Five Hundred Forty-one Thousand Six Hundred Fifty
533 Dollars (\$6,541,650.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School
534 Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

535 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Five
536 Hundred Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-one Dollars
537 (\$542,541.00) is provided for the Magnolia Speech School.

538 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is
539 the intention of the Legislature that Three Hundred Thousand



540 Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be used for professional development
541 for dyslexia and other related disorders.

542 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
543 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred
544 Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
545 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
546 amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars
547 (\$3,600,000.00) shall be transferred from the Department of
548 Health.

549 **SECTION 36.** The State Department of Education shall contract
550 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
551 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
552 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
553 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
554 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
555 calculating the estimates of these components due to the
556 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
557 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
558 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding
559 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
560 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2016.

561 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
562 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
563 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
564 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.



565 **SECTION 38.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
566 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
567 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
568 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
569 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health
570 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
571 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

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

577 **SECTION 40.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
578 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
579 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
580 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
581 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
582 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
583 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
584 June 30, 2016. The school districts receiving these loans shall
585 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
586 loan on or before June 30, 2016.

587 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
588 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
589 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2015.



590 **SECTION 42.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
591 the Children and Learning Through Sports/Kids College may provide
592 a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of
593 the program.

594 **SECTION 43.** Of the funds in Section 1, Six Million Dollars
595 (\$6,000,000.00) is provided for Teach for America.

596 **SECTION 44.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
597 State Department of Education shall have the authority to receive,
598 escalate spending authority, and expend such sums as may be
599 received from the Department of Mental Health to expand community
600 services identified by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health
601 that will improve the State of Mississippi's compliance with the
602 Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court. Further, it
603 is the intention of the Legislature that any sums received from
604 this source that are not expended during the fiscal year ending
605 June 30, 2016, by the State Department of Education, shall be
606 reappropriated for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending
607 June 30, 2017. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature
608 that the State Department of Education shall account for the
609 expenditure of these funds in sufficient detail to clearly show
610 the purposes for which such funds were expended.

611 **SECTION 45.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three
612 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) is provided
613 for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in
614 Schools (MCOPS) grant program.



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

618 **SECTION 47.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
619 Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) is provided
620 for the Digital Interactive Learning Pilot Program.

621 **SECTION 48.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three
622 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood
623 Education Initiative program.

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

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

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

633 **SECTION 52.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), Two
634 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Smart
635 Lab project.

636 **SECTION 53.** It is the intention of the Legislature that with
637 the funds appropriated by this act, the agency head may award up
638 to a five percent (5%) salary increase or an amount equal to the
639 Fiscal Year 2016 realignment component of the Variable



640 Compensation Plan, whichever is less, to any employee of the
641 agency whose salary has not increased since July 1, 2011. It
642 shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that
643 these awarded salary increases, when annualized, will not result
644 in the need to increase agency funding above the Fiscal Year 2016
645 appropriated level.

646 **SECTION 54.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
647 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
648 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
649 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
650 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
651 officers in the manner provided by law.

652 **SECTION 55.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
653 and after July 1, 2015.

