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HOUSE BILL NO. 1643

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 2017.

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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017,
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.....\$ 120,196,460.00.

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\$ 2,029,358,161.00.

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.....\$ 8,555,229.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,250,592,062.00.

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, 2016, and ending
39 June 30, 2017, 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.....\$ 866,671,584.00.



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.....\$ 282,079,968.00.

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.....\$ 1,789,575.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,171,504,081.00.

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	Students with Special Needs.....\$	1,800,000.00.
78	Implementing Performance Based Data	
79	Collection and Accreditation	
80	Model.....\$	274,937.00.
81	Testing.....\$	6,125,670.00.
82	Mississippi School for Math	
83	and Science.....\$	125,000.00.
84	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.....\$	125,000.00.
85	TOTAL.....\$	49,784,413.00.

86 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
87 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
88\$ 4,937,258.00.

89 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
90 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
91\$ 212,079,968.00.



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

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

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	341
	Part Time.....	3
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	104
	Part Time.....	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2018 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2017 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2017 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the



exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2017 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating



to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

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

	FY2017
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Placement of Students with Disabilities	
in a General Education Setting as their	
Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) (%)	67.20
2011-2012 Baseline: 66.20%	
Students with Disabilities Enrolled in Higher	
Education; other Post-secondary Education	
or Training Program; or Employed within	
One Year of Leaving High School (%)	84.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 78.00%	
Percentage of Students with Disabilities in	
grade 3-8 English II & Algebra I scoring	



166	Proficient on Statewide Assessments	36.00
167	Child Nutrition	
168	Nutritious Meals Served in Compliance with	
169	USDA & State Board of Education Policies(%)	100.00
170	Baseline: 100.00%	
171	Cost per Administrative Review	4,976.00
172	Special Projects	
173	Increase Number of Students Receiving	
174	Scholarships (School of the Arts) (%)	1.00
175	2011-2012 Baseline: 70.00% of 61 Students	
176	MS School For Math & Science	
177	Increase Student Enrollment (%)	4.08
178	2011-2012 Baseline: 226	
179	Maintain 100% rate for MSMS graduates	
180	Attending Post-Secondary Schools	100.00
181	Educational Accountability	
182	Accreditation Evaluation for Public &	
183	Nonpublic Schools (Evaluations)	50.00
184	2011-2012 Baseline: 40 Evaluations	
185	Students Graduating from High School	
186	(85.00% by 2018-2019 MS CODE 37-13-80)	
187	Increase Graduation Rate (%)	2.00
188	2011-2012 Baseline: 73.40%	
189	Decrease Dropout Rate (%)	1.00
190	2011-2012 Baseline: 16.70%	



191	Reduce Number of Schools Earning "D" or	
192	"F" Rating on the State Accountability	
193	System (%)	10.00
194	2011-2012 Baseline: 35.00%	
195	School Districts in Compliance with State	
196	Testing Regulations (%)	96.00
197	2011-2012 Baseline: 88.00%	
198	Educ Training & Development	
199	Relevant Technical Assistance Provided	
200	to School Districts on Curriculum &	
201	Instruction (%)	87.00
202	2012-2013 Baseline: 83.00%	
203	Relevant Training & Technical Assistance	
204	to District Test Coordinators (%)	95.00
205	2011-2012 Baseline: 80.00%	
206	Compensatory Education	
207	School Districts in Compliance with	
208	Titles I, II, III, IV, VI, & X (%)	95.00
209	2011-2012 Baseline: 85.00%	
210	Community & Outreach Services	
211	Apply for All Available Federal Funds (%)	100.00
212	Educational Technology	
213	Increase Minimum District Capacity to	
214	Administer On-line Assessments (%)	30.00
215	2011-2012 Baseline: Approximately 50.00%	



216 MS School Attendance Officers
 217 Resolutions of Referrals for Non-Attendance
 218 Submitted by Local School Districts (%) 98.00
 219 Baseline: 98.00%
 220 School Visits by Attendance Officers
 221 (Number of Visits per School) 9.00
 222 2011-2012 Baseline: 20,000 Total Annual
 223 Visits
 224 MS Teacher Center
 225 Increase Cohort of New Teachers Retained
 226 After Five Years (%) 1.00
 227 2011-2012 Baseline: 60.00%
 228 Educator Referrals to Critical Shortage
 229 Areas (CSAs) (Number of) 600
 230 2011-2012 Baseline: 450
 231 Reduce Violations of Mississippi Code of
 232 Ethics (%) 25.00
 233 2012-2013 Baseline: 20
 234 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 235 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 236 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 237 Committee for Fiscal Year 2018.
 238 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 239 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 240 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be



utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2017
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Basic Program	
Increase Students Passing Algebra I	
Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	1.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 81.90%	
Increase Students Passing Biology I	
Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	2.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 74.70%	
Increase Students Passing English II	
Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	2.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 73.10%	
Increase Students Passing US History	
Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	2.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 72.90%	
Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above	
on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in	
Grades 3-8 in Reading/Language Arts (%)	2.50
2011-2012 Baseline: 56.50%	
Increase Students Scoring Proficient	



266 or Above on Mississippi Curriculum
267 Test (MCT2) in Grades 3-8 in Math (%) 2.50
268 2011-2012 Baseline: 63.50%

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

277		FY2017
278	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>

279 Instruction

280	School for the Blind - Increase Graduation	
281	Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%)	70.00
282	2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%	

283	School for the Deaf - Increase Number of	
284	Students Receiving Standard &	
285	Occupational Diploma (%)	87.00
286	2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00%	

287 Student Services

288	School for the Blind - Increase Eligible High	
289	School Students Working Part-time (%)	60.00
290	2011-2012 Baseline: 34.00%	



291 Operation & Maintenance
292 Number of Persons Served Through
293 Community Sign Language Classes 160
294 Number of Parents Served Through
295 Community Sign Language Classes 70

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

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

310 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
311 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
312 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
313 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
314 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
315 the School for Math and Science.



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

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	51
	Part Time.....	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
	Part Time.....	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2018 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2017 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2017 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency



has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2017 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

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

SECTION 13. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of



366 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
367 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
368 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical
369 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on
370 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to
371 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

372		FY2017
373	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
374	Secondary Programs	
375	Increase Career & Technical Education	
376	(CTE) Student Completers' Placement	
377	Rate (%)	1.00
378	2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%	
379	Increase Students Served in CTE (%)	3.00
380	2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785	
381	Decrease Number of Schools with	
382	Graduation Rate Less than 80%	160.00
383	Increase the Percentage of Students	
384	Who Graduated	77.00
385	Increase the Percentage of 11th Grade	
386	Students who are College	
387	or Career Ready as Measured by the ACT	10.00
388	Post-secondary Programs	
389	Short Term Adult Programs (Num of Classes)	255



390 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
391 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
392 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
393 Committee for Fiscal Year 2018.

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

400 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
401 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
402 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
403 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
404 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
405 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
406 soil conservation equipment.

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

411 **SECTION 17.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
412 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
413 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
414 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any



415 improper expenditure, for the following: World Class Teacher
416 Centers, Children's Center for Communications and Development,
417 Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Mississippi Eye Screening
418 Program-Vision Research Corporation, Magnolia Speech School,
419 Dubard School, Sight Savers, Very Special Arts, Mississippi
420 Symphony, Mississippi Autism Center, Save the Children and Teach
421 for America.

422 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
423 not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars
424 (\$1,800,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
425 agricultural programs, robotic engineering programs and equipment
426 upgrades from the Vocational and Technical Education Division of
427 the State Department of Education.

428 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
429 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
430 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
431 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
432 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
433 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
434 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
435 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
436 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
437 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
438 Year 1985.



SECTION 20. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year 2017 shall be Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars and Ninety-nine Cents (\$5,358.99).

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in Section 37-151-7(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	167
	Part Time.....	15
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
	Part Time.....	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2018 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2017 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2017 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data



provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2017 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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



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

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

497 **SECTION 23.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
498 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
499 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
500 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
501 increment.

502 **SECTION 24.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
503 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
504 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
505 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
506 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year
507 2016. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
508 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2018 shall be submitted to the
509 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
510 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
511 Fiscal Year 2017 budget request process for each agency and
512 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.



SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$22,600,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program.

SECTION 27. The public school districts of the state are authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for this purpose.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Educable Child Program, the Mississippi Department of Education is authorized to pay the remaining balance up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2016 claims.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be for the Dubard School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



538 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
539 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
540 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
541 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
542 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
543 made without competitive bids.

544 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
545 than Six Million Five Hundred Forty-one Thousand Six Hundred Fifty
546 Dollars (\$6,541,650.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School
547 Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

548 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Five
549 Hundred Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-one Dollars
550 (\$542,541.00) is provided for the Magnolia Speech School.

551 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is
552 the intention of the Legislature that Three Hundred Thousand
553 Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be used for professional development
554 for dyslexia and other related disorders.

555 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
556 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred
557 Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
558 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
559 amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars
560 (\$3,600,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

561 **SECTION 35.** The State Department of Education shall contract
562 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the



Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2017.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

SECTION 37. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

SECTION 38. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the



587 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a
588 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

589 **SECTION 39.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
590 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
591 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
592 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
593 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
594 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
595 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending
596 June 30, 2017. The school districts receiving these loans shall
597 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
598 loan on or before June 30, 2017.

599 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
600 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
601 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2016.

602 **SECTION 41.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
603 the Children and Learning Through Sports/Kids College may provide
604 a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of
605 the program.

606 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds in Section 1, Six Million Dollars
607 (\$6,000,000.00) is provided for Teach for America.

608 **SECTION 43.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three
609 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) is provided
610 for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in
611 Schools (MCOPS) grant program.



612 **SECTION 44.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), One
613 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is provided
614 for a Performance Based Compensation - Pilot Program.

615 **SECTION 45.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
616 Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) is provided
617 for the Digital Interactive Learning Pilot Program.

618 **SECTION 46.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three
619 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood
620 Education Initiative program.

621 **SECTION 47.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three
622 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is provided for Mississippi
623 Building Blocks.

624 **SECTION 48.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), One
625 Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) is provided
626 for the State Longitudinal Data System.

627 **SECTION 49.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
628 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) shall be
629 used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

630 **SECTION 50.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), Two
631 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Smart
632 Lab project.

633 **SECTION 51.** The amount of funds appropriated from the State
634 General Fund in this bill are conditioned upon the availability
635 for appropriation of the full amount of the state general funds
636 that were projected in the general fund revenue estimate for



fiscal year 2017 that was determined under the provision of
Section 27-103-125.

If the amount of general funds projected to be available for
appropriation for fiscal year 2017 would be reduced by the
enactment into law of any revenue bills, as defined in Joint Rule
40, that have been passed by the House of Representatives by March
17, 2016, then the amount of funds appropriated from the State
General Fund in this bill shall be reduced by the same percentage
reduction in the amount of general funds that would be available
for appropriation for fiscal year 2017, and the reduced amount
shall be engrossed into this bill before it is transmitted to
Senate.

The determination of whether the House has passed any such
revenue bills by March 17, 2016, and the amount and percentage of
the resulting reduction in the amount of general funds projected
to be available for appropriation for fiscal year 2017, shall be
determined by the Legislative Budget Office and certified in
writing to the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee by
the Director of the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 52. The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
officers in the manner provided by law.



662 **SECTION 53.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
663 and after July 1, 2016; and shall stand repealed from and after
664 June 30, 2016.

