MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division...............................................$ 111,955,459.00.
(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education...............
(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state, as provided in Section 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972. .........................................$ 76,077,258.00.

(d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program. ............$ 21,024,015.00.

(e) 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. ...........$ 9,618,184.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THIS SECTION BEING...........................$ 2,255,231,583.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. .........................$ 874,513,606.00.
(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education..................$ 20,962,954.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program..............................................$ 274,881,462.00.

(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.............$ 1,927,418.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THIS SECTION BEING.......................$ 1,164,443,418.00.

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

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:
(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the
expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for
the following purposes:

- Literacy Initiative and Assessment........$ 6,333,806.00.
- Educable Child.................................$ 7,000,000.00.
- Grants to school districts for capital
  facilities and buses.......................$ 16,000,000.00.
- Instructional materials........................$ 12,000,000.00.
- Students with Special Needs...............$ 1,800,000.00.
- Implementing Performance Based Data
  Collection and Accreditation
  Model.........................................$ 274,937.00.
- Testing........................................$ 6,125,670.00.
- Mississippi School for Math
  and Science...................................$ 125,000.00.
- Mississippi School for Fine Arts........$ 125,000.00.
- TOTAL........................................$ 49,784,413.00.

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

(c) To the State Department of Education to provide
funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program...........
.........................................................$ 204,881,462.00.
(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............... 392
          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:

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<tr>
<td><strong>Special Education</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Special Education Teachers (FTEs)</td>
<td>5,138.10</td>
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<tr>
<td>2013-2014 IEP Students not Participating in Math Assessments</td>
<td>1,183</td>
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<tr>
<td>2013-2014 Percentage of IEP Students not Participating in Statewide Math Assessments (%)</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>2013-14 IEP Students not Participating in Statewide Reading Assessments</td>
<td>1,163</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013-14 Percentage of IEP Students not Participating in Statewide Reading Assessments (%)</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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Number of Students with an IEP Graduating with a Standard Diploma 892

Child Nutrition

Sites Compliant with Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Standards (%) 100.00

Sites Compliant with the National School Lunch Program (%) 100.00

Sites Compliant with the School Breakfast Program 861

Graduation & Career Readiness

Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rate for 2009-2010 Cohort (Number) 25,946

Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rate for 2009-2010 Cohort (%) 74.50

General Administration

Total Dollars Spent on General Administration (Dollars) 21,277,539.00

Percentage of Total Dollars Spent on General Administration (%) 17.10

Turnover Rate at Central Office (%) 5.80

Special Schools

Number of Students Enrolled Annually at MSMS 245

Amount of Scholarship Offerings for MSMS

Students Attending College (Dollars) 22,000,000.00
191 Percentage of MSMS Graduating Seniors
192 Who Earn National Merit or
193 National Achievement Semifinalist
194 Status (%) 11.00
195 Average ACT Composite Score
196 for Graduating Seniors 27.80
197 Average Cost per Student to
198 Attend MSMS (Dollars) 18,437.00
199 Average ACT Composite Score for Graduating
200 Seniors at MS School for the Arts 20
201 Percentage of MS School for the Arts
202 Graduating Seniors Receiving
203 Scholarship Offers (%) 75.00
204 Early Childhood Education
205 Early Learning Collaborative Mean
206 Scaled Score on the Kindergarten
207 Readiness Assessment for Fall 2014 435.40
208 Early Learning Collaborative Mean
209 Scaled Score on the Kindergarten
210 Readiness Assessment for Spring 2015 530.70
211 Teacher Training & Prof Development
212 Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016
213 Teachers with Alternative Route
214 License (%) 10.60
215 Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016
Teachers with Five or More Years of Experience (%) 69.90

Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016

Teachers with Ten or More Years of Experience (%) 48.40

Statewide Average Years of Experience for 2015-2016 Full-Time Teachers 11

Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016

Teachers with Less than Three Years of Experience (%) 19.30

Number of Teachers Retained Statewide from Previous Year 29,947

Percentage of Teachers Retained Statewide from Previous Year (%) 87.70

Elementary Education

Number of Students Taking the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment in May 2015 37,929

Percentage of All 3rd Graders Enrolled in May 2015 that took the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment (%) 99.80

Statewide Mean Scaled Score on the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment 980

Minimum Passing Score on the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment 926
Number of Students Scoring At or Above Passing Score on the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment 35,022 Percentage of Students Scoring At or Above Passing Score on the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment (%) 92.30 Secondary Education Statewide Mean ACT Composite Score for Juniors Testing in March 17.60 Number of 11th Graders Taking the ACT in May 2015 29,947 Percentage of All 11th Graders Enrolled in March 2015 that took the ACT (%). Number of Students Enrolled in One or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12 13,365 Percentage of Students Enrolled in One or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12 (%) 9.90 Compulsory School Attendance Statewide 2009-2010 Cohort 4-Year Dropout Rate (%) 13.90 School Performance Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net Membership in Schools with a
266  2013-2014 Accountability Rating of A (%)  19.30
267  Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net Membership in Schools with a
269  2013-2014 Accountability Rating of B (%)  29.50
270  Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net Membership in Schools with a
272  2013-2014 Accountability Rating of C (%)  25.10
274  Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net Membership in Schools with a
276  2013-2014 Accountability Rating of D (%)  12.80
278  Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net Membership in Schools with a
280  2013-2014 Accountability Rating of F (%)  1.60
282  Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net Membership in Schools without a
284  2013-2014 Accountability Rating (%).
286  A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
288  set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
289  agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
290  Committee for Fiscal Year 2018.
SECTION 7. 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 Mississippi Adequate Education Program. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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<td><strong>Basic Program</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase Students Passing Algebra I</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Subject Area Test (SAP2) (%)</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 81.90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase Students Passing Biology I</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 74.70%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase Students Passing English II</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 73.10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase Students Passing US History</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 72.90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above</td>
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<td>on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in</td>
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Grades 3-8 in Reading/Language Arts (%) 2.50
2011-2012 Baseline: 56.50%
Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in Grades 3-8 in Math (%) 2.50
2011-2012 Baseline: 63.50%
A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2018.

SECTION 8. 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 School for the Blind and Deaf of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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<td>School for the Blind - Increase Graduation Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%)</td>
<td>70.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%</td>
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Students Receiving Standard &
Occupational Diploma (%) 87.00
2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00%

Student Services

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

Operation & Maintenance
Number of Persons Served Through
Community Sign Language Classes 160
Number of Parents Served Through
Community Sign Language Classes 70

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

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

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) shall be used for 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
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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 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 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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<td>Secondary Programs</td>
<td>Increase Career &amp; Technical Education (CTE) Student Completers' Placement Rate (%)</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%</td>
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<td>Increase Students Served in CTE (%)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785</td>
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<td>Decrease Number of Schools with Graduation Rate Less than 80%</td>
<td>160.00</td>
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Increase the Percentage of Students Who Graduated 77.00
Increase the Percentage of 11th Grade Students Who are College or Career Ready as Measured by the ACT 10.00
Post-secondary Programs
Short Term Adult Programs (Num of Classes) 255

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

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

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.
SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

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

- Chalkable Learning Earnings Pilot Program: 100,000
- Detention Centers: 1,000,000
- Digital Interactive Learning: 1,200,000
- Drop-out Prevention at Star Academy: 500,000
- Dubard School: 625,000
- Dyslexia Program: 325,000
- IHL-Alternative Route Certification Program: 40,400
- Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.: 1,000,000
- Learning thru Sports/Kids College: 785,000
- Life Tracks (SLDS): 1,600,000
- Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program: 700,000
- Magee Enterprise Learning Lab: 200,000
- Magnolia Speech School: 542,541
- Mississippi Arts Commission-Arts Institute: 40,000
- MS Autism: 200,000
- MS Construction Education Program: 225,000
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<td>New Learning Resource, Inc.</td>
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<td>Principal Corp.</td>
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<td>Safe Hearts Program</td>
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<td>Save the Children Program</td>
<td>150,000</td>
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<td>Sight Savers</td>
<td>426,472</td>
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<td>Teach for America</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
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<td>Teacher Corp.</td>
<td>185,000</td>
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<td>USM - Autism Program</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td>Children’s Center for Communication &amp; Development</td>
<td>717,540</td>
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<td>Very Special Arts Program</td>
<td>40,000</td>
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<td>Vision Screening Research</td>
<td>223,528</td>
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<td>World Class Teacher Program</td>
<td>600,000</td>
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<td>Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in Me</td>
<td>100,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Mississippi - Willie Price Lab School</td>
<td>250,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Algebra Nation</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>WorkKeys - Brookhaven Pilot</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>USM - Statewide Bicentennial Celebration</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Education shall obtain a research methodology from a provider that consists of a research prescription for each program to be funded through the amounts set in Section 17. This research methodology shall be made in consultation with PEER Committee staff. Copies of such methodologies shall be provided to the
Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative Budget Office. The following shall provide the reports: Chalkable Learning Earnings Pilot Program, Magee Enterprise Learning Lab and Smart Labs, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Learning through Sports, Dropout Prevention at Star Academy, Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program (Amplify), Save the Children, Algebra Nation, WorkKeys – Pilot for Brookhaven.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,800,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars ($62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.
SECTION 21. 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 22. 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 23. 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................. 181
Part Time.................. 18
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...
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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 24.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

**SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2016. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2018 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.
SECTION 26. 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 27. 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 28. 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 29. 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 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

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

**SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,600,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

**SECTION 33.** The State Department of Education shall contract 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 34. 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 35. 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 36. 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 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

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

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven 
Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000.00) shall be transferred to the 
Board of Health no later than December 31, 2016.

SECTION 39. Any school district receiving funds through Save 
the Children and Learning Through Sports/Kids College may provide 
a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of 
the program.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Three 
Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000.00) is provided 
for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in 
Schools (MCOPS) grant program.

SECTION 41. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Four 
Million Dollars ($4,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood 
Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is 
the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended 
to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not 
been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance 
Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and 
Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000.00) shall be 
used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.
SECTION 43. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.00) is provided for the Smart Lab project.

SECTION 44. None of the funds provided herein may be expended to make payments or transfers to the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents.

SECTION 45. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 46. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1536, 2015 Regular Session to provide additional funding for general education purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.................................$5,000,000.00.
writing to the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee by the Director of the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 47. 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.

SECTION 48. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016; and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2016.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE
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Moore

X (SIGNED)
Huddleston (15th)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
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Clarke

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Tollison

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