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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1502

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 2018.

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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018,  
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.....\$ 124,845,810.00.

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.....\$ 19,573,344.00.

26 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
27 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and  
28 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 8,035,626.00.

29 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
30 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 228,648,538.00.

31 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
32 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special  
33 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or  
34 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following  
35 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending  
36 June 30, 2018, as follows:

37 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
38 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
39 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
40 Division.....\$ 873,781,138.00.

41 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
42 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
43 Division of the State Department of Education.....  
44 .....\$ 20,962,954.00.



45 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
46 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and  
47 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 1,927,418.00.

48 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
49 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 896,671,510.00.

50 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
51 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars  
52 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is  
53 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit  
54 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of  
55 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
56 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing  
57 vision safety services.

58 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
59 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are  
60 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of  
61 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
62 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

63 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the  
64 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for  
65 the following purposes:

66 Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....\$ 6,333,806.00.  
67 Educable Child.....\$ 7,000,000.00.  
68 Grants to school districts for capital  
69 facilities and buses.....\$ 16,000,000.00.



70	Instructional materials.....	\$	12,000,000.00.
71	Students with Special Needs.....	\$	1,800,000.00.
72	Implementing Performance Based Data		
73	Collection and Accreditation		
74	Model.....	\$	274,937.00.
75	Testing.....	\$	6,125,670.00.
76	Mississippi School for Math		
77	and Science.....	\$	125,000.00.
78	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.....	\$	125,000.00.
79	TOTAL.....	\$	49,784,413.00.

80           (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the  
81 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....  
82 .....\$ 4,937,258.00.

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

86           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
87 this act, not more than the following amount shall be expended for  
88 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.....\$ 27,023,959.00.

89           Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following  
90 positions are authorized for the State Department of Education,  
91 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
92 Division:

93           AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

94           Permanent:       Full Time.....       363



95	Part Time.....	3
96	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	121
97	Part Time.....	0

98 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
99 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
100 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not  
101 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
102 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
103 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
104 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
105 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
106 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
107 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
108 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
109 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018  
110 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the  
111 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
112 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
113 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
114 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
115 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"  
116 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
117 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
118 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
119 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.



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

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

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

137 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
138 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
139 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
140 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
141 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,  
142 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
143 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make



144 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
145 below:

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
148 Special Education	
149     Number of Special Education	
150         Teachers (FTEs)	5,139
151     2013-2014 IEP Students not Participating	
152         in Math Assessments	1,184
153     2013-2014 Percentage of IEP Students	
154         not Participating in Statewide Math	
155         Assessments (%)	4.50
156     2013-14 IEP Students not Participating	
157         in Statewide Reading Assessments	1,163
158     2013-14 Percentage of IEP Students	
159         not Participating in Statewide	
160         Reading Assessments (%)	4.50
161     Number of Students with an IEP	
162         Graduating with a Standard Diploma	900
163 Child Nutrition	
164     Sites Compliant with Fresh Fruit &	
165         Vegetable Program Standards (%)	96
166     Sites Compliant with the National	
167         School Lunch Program (%)	96
168     Sites Compliant with the School	



169	Breakfast Program	861
170	Compulsory School Attendance	
171	Statewide 2009-2010 Cohort 4-Year	
172	Dropout Rate (%)	13.90
173	General Administration	
174	Total Dollars Spent on General	
175	Administration (Dollars)	23,804,396
176	Percentage of Total Dollars Spent on	
177	General Administration (%)	16.86
178	Turnover Rate at Central Office (%)	5.80
179	Graduation & Career Readiness	
180	Public High School 4-Year Graduation	
181	Rate for 2009-2010 Cohort (Number)	28,500
182	Public High School 4-Year Graduation	
183	Rate for 2009-2010 Cohort (%)	82.00
184	Special Schools	
185	Number of Students Enrolled Annually	
186	at MSMS	225
187	Amount of Scholarship Offerings for MSMS	
188	Students Attending College (Dollars)	22,000,000
189	Percentage of MSMS Graduating Seniors	
190	Who Earn National Merit or	
191	National Achievement Semifinalist	
192	Status (%)	100
193	Average ACT Composite Score	





194	for Graduating Seniors	28.20
195	Average Cost per Student to	
196	Attend MSMS (Dollars)	21,000
197	Average ACT Composite Score for	
198	Graduating Seniors at MS School	
199	for the Arts	21
200	Percentage of MS School for the	
201	Arts Graduating Seniors Receiving	
202	Scholarship Offers (%)	77
203	Early Childhood Education	
204	Early Learning Collaborative Mean	
205	Scaled Score on the Kindergarten	
206	Readiness Assessment for Fall 2014	435
207	Early Learning Collaborative Mean	
208	Scaled Score on the Kindergarten	
209	Readiness Assessment for Spring 2015	531
210	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
211	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
212	Teachers with Alternative Route	
213	License (%)	10.60
214	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
215	Teachers with Five or More Years	
216	of Experience (%)	69.90
217	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
218	Teachers with Ten or More Years	



219	of Experience (%)	48.40
220	Statewide Average Years of Experience	
221	for 2015-2016 Full-Time Teachers	11
222	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
223	Teachers with Less than Three Years	
224	of Experience (%)	19.30
225	Number of Teachers Retained	
226	Statewide from Previous Year	29,947
227	Percentage of Teachers Retained	
228	Statewide from Previous Year (%)	87.70
229	Elementary Education	
230	Number of Students Taking the Third	
231	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	
232	in May 2015	39,000
233	Percentage of All 3rd Graders Enrolled in	
234	May 2015 that took the Third Grade Reading	
235	Summative Assessment (%)	99.80
236	Statewide Mean Scaled Score on the Third	
237	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	985
238	Minimum Passing Score on the Third	
239	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	626
240	Number of Students Scoring At or Above	
241	Passing Score on the Third Grade	
242	Reading Summative Assessment	36,270
243	Percentage of Students Scoring At or	



244	Above Passing Score on the Third	
245	Grade Reading Summative Assessment (%)	93.00
246	Secondary Education	
247	Statewide Mean ACT Composite Score	
248	for Juniors Testing in March	17.50
249	Number of 11th Graders Taking	
250	the ACT in May 2015	32,000
251	Percentage of All 11th Graders Enrolled	
252	in March 2015 that took the ACT (%)	95
253	Number of Students Enrolled in One	
254	or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12	19,300
255	Percentage of Students Enrolled in One	
256	or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12 (%)	15.00
257	School Performance	
258	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
259	Membership in Schools with a	
260	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of A (%)	19.30
261	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
262	Membership in Schools with a	
263	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of B (%)	29.50
264	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
265	Membership in Schools with a	
266	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of C (%)	25.10
267	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
268	Membership in Schools with a	



269                   2013-2014 Accountability Rating of D (%)                   12.80  
 270           Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net  
 271                   Membership in Schools with a  
 272                   2013-2014 Accountability Rating of F (%)                   1.60  
 273           Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net  
 274                   Membership in Schools without a  
 275                   2013-2014 Accountability Rating (%)                   11.70

276           A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 277 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
 278 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
 279 Committee for Fiscal Year 2019.

280           **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 281 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 282 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
 283 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
 284 achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Deaf  
 285 of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding  
 286 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the  
 287 targeted performance measures provided below:

288		FY2018
289	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
290	Instruction	
291	School for the Blind - Increase Graduation	
292	Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%)	
293	2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%	90.00



294 School for the Deaf - Increase Number of  
295 Students Receiving Standard &  
296 Occupational Diploma (%)  
297 2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00% 90.00

298 Student Services

299 School for the Blind - Increase Eligible High  
300 School Students Working Part-Time (%)  
301 2011-2012 Baseline: 34.00% 40.00

302 Operation & Maintenance

303 Number of Persons Served Through  
304 Community Sign Language Classes 90

305 Number of Parents Served Through  
306 Community Sign Language Classes 60

307 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
308 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
309 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
310 Committee for Fiscal Year 2019.

311 **SECTION 8.** No school district shall expend any funds,  
312 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such  
313 school district has specifically identified the amount of the  
314 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,  
315 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the  
316 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as  
317 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the  
318 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."



319           **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two  
320 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be  
321 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose  
322 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
323 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
324 Division.

325           **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
326 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from  
327 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement  
328 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of  
329 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for  
330 the School for Math and Science.

331           **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
332 of this act, not more than the following amount shall be expended  
333 for Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.....\$   3,218,852.00.

334           Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act,  
335 the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and  
336 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

337       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

338	Permanent:	Full Time.....	51
339		Part Time.....	0
340	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
341		Part Time.....	0

342           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
343 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be



344 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not  
345 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
346 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
347 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
348 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
349 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
350 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
351 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
352 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
353 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018  
354 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the  
355 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
356 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
357 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
358 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
359 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"  
360 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
361 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
362 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
363 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

364 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
365 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
366 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
367 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
368 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The



369 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
370 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
371 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
372 appropriated level.

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

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

381 **SECTION 12.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
382 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
383 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
384 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
385 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical  
386 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on  
387 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to  
388 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
391 Secondary Programs	
392 Increase Career & Technical Education	
393 (CTE) Student Completers' Placement	





394	Rate (%)	3.00
395	2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%	
396	Increase Students Served in CTE (%)	
397	2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785	1.00
398	Decrease Number of Schools with	
399	Graduation Rate Less than 80%	160
400	Increase the Percentage of Students	
401	Who Graduated	82.00
402	Increase the Percentage of 11th Grade	
403	Students Who are College	
404	or Career Ready as Measured by the ACT	12.00
405	Post-secondary Programs	
406	Short Term Adult Programs (Num of Classes)	255
407	Agencies & Institutions	
408	Number of CTE student completers	3,700
409	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
410	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
411	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
412	Committee for Fiscal Year 2019.	
413	<b>SECTION 13.</b> Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount	
414	not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred	
415	Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of	
416	vocational and technical education programs as authorized in	
417	Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess	
418	of ten (10) months in a calendar year.	



419           **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
420 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
421 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in  
422 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars  
423 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation  
424 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase  
425 soil conservation equipment.

426           **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more  
427 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is  
428 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of  
429 America Center.

430           **SECTION 16.** The State Department of Education shall transfer  
431 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall  
432 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in  
433 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any  
434 improper expenditure, for the following:

435	Chalkable Learning Earnings Pilot Program.....	\$ 100,000.00
436	Detention Centers.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
437	Digital Interactive Learning.....	\$ 1,200,000.00
438	Drop-out Prevention at Star Academy.....	\$ 500,000.00
439	Dubard School.....	\$ 625,000.00
440	Dyslexia Program.....	\$ 325,000.00
441	IHL-Alternative Route Certification Program.....	\$ 40,400.00
442	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$ 1,000,000
443	Stride.....	\$ 785,000.00



444	Life Tracks (SLDS).....	\$ 1,600,000.00
445	Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program.....	\$ 700,000.00
446	Magee Enterprise Learning Lab.....	\$ 200,000.00
447	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 542,541.00
448	Mississippi Arts Commission-Arts Institute.....	\$ 40,000.00
449	Mississippi Autism.....	\$ 200,000.00
450	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$ 225,000.00
451	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$ 50,000.00
452	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$ 350,000.00
453	Principal Corp.....	\$ 500,000.00
454	Safe Hearts Program.....	\$ 100,000.00
455	Save the Children Program.....	\$ 150,000.00
456	Sight Savers.....	\$ 426,472.00
457	Teach for America.....	\$ 2,000,000.00
458	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 185,000.00
459	USM - Autism Program.....	\$ 50,000.00
460	Children's Center for Communication & Development...\$	717,540.00
461	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$ 40,000.00
462	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 223,528.00
463	World Class Teacher Program.....	\$ 600,000.00
464	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in Me.....\$	100,000.00
465	University of Mississippi - Willie Price Lab School.\$	250,000.00
466	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 200,000.00
467	WorkKeys - Brookhaven Pilot.....	\$ 25,000.00
468	USM - Statewide Bicentennial Celebration.....	\$ 85,000.00



469 Total.....\$ 15,135,481.00

470       **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
471 Department of Education shall obtain a research methodology from a  
472 provider that consists of a research prescription for each program  
473 to be funded through the amounts set in Section 17. This research  
474 methodology shall be made in consultation with PEER Committee  
475 staff. Copies of such methodologies shall be provided to the  
476 Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative  
477 Budget Office. The following shall provide the reports: Chalkable  
478 Learning Earnings Pilot Program, Magee Enterprise Learning Lab and  
479 Smart Labs, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Stride, Dropout  
480 Prevention at Star Academy, Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program  
481 (Amplify), Save the Children, Algebra Nation, WorkKeys - Pilot for  
482 Brookhaven.

483       **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
484 not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars  
485 (\$1,800,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for  
486 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic  
487 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi  
488 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and  
489 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.

490       **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
491 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),  
492 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the  
493 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the



494 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution  
495 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school  
496 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of  
497 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the  
498 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the  
499 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal  
500 Year 1985.

501       **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
502 of this act, not more than the following amount shall be expended  
503 for Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.....\$ 8,035,626.00.

504       Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act,  
505 the following positions are authorized for the Mississippi School  
506 for the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf:

507       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

508	Permanent:	Full Time.....	176
509		Part Time.....	16
510	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
511		Part Time.....	0

512       With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
513 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
514 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not  
515 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
516 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
517 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
518 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel



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520 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
521 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
522 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
523 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018  
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525 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
526 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
527 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
528 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
529 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"  
530 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
531 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
532 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
533 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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535 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
536 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
537 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
538 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
539 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
540 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
541 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
542 appropriated level.



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

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

551 **SECTION 21.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the  
552 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and  
553 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the  
554 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual  
555 increment.

556 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
557 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and  
558 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
559 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
560 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year  
561 2017. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
562 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2019 shall be submitted to the  
563 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
564 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
565 Fiscal Year 2018 budget request process for each agency and  
566 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.



567           **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 to the  
568 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-two Million Six  
569 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$22,600,000.00) shall be used for  
570 National Board Certification.

571           **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
572 Section 2 not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
573 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
574 Program.

575           **SECTION 25.** The public school districts of the state are  
576 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred  
577 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the  
578 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired  
579 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
580 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the  
581 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for  
582 this purpose.

583           **SECTION 26.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
584 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
585 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
586 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,  
587 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
588 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
589 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
590 made without competitive bids.





591           **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less  
592 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Nine Hundred  
593 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the  
594 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance  
595 Officers.

596           **SECTION 28.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
597 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred  
598 Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary  
599 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The  
600 amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars  
601 (\$3,600,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

602           **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
603 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for  
604 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
605 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be  
606 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health  
607 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred  
608 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

609           **SECTION 30.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
610 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under  
611 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the  
612 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a  
613 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

614           **SECTION 31.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
615 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or



616 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars  
617 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of  
618 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency  
619 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code  
620 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending  
621 June 30, 2018. The school districts receiving these loans shall  
622 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the  
623 loan on or before June 30, 2018.

624       **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven  
625 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
626 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2017.

627       **SECTION 33.** Any school district receiving funds through Save  
628 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from  
629 local funds for implementation of the program.

630       **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
631 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) is provided  
632 for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in  
633 Schools (MCOPS) grant program.

634       **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Four  
635 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood  
636 Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is  
637 the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended  
638 to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not  
639 been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance  
640 Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based.



641           **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
642 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) shall be  
643 used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

644           **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), Two  
645 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Smart  
646 Lab project.

647           **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is  
648 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion  
649 of the state accountability model.

650           **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), it  
651 is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Three Hundred  
652 Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars  
653 (\$1,377,389.00) shall be allocated for Driver Education Programs  
654 supported from General Fund court assessments.

655           **SECTION 40.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid  
656 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
657 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
658 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
659 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
660 officers in the manner provided by law.

661           **SECTION 41.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
662 and after July 1, 2017, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2017.

