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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1502
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....\$ 116,586,224.00.

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 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 1,996,544,752.00.

29 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
30 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
31 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 9,618,184.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,218,516,262.00.

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, 2017, and ending
39 June 30, 2018, 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.....\$ 903,781,138.00.



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.....\$ 274,493,377.00.

51 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
52 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
53 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 1,927,418.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,201,164,887.00.

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\$ 204,493,377.00.



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

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

99 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

100	Permanent:	Full Time.....	392
101		Part Time.....	3
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	121
103		Part Time.....	0

104 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
105 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
106 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,
108 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
109 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
110 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
111 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
112 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
113 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
114 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
115 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018
116 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the



117 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
118 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
119 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
120 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
121 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"
122 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
123 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
124 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
125 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

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



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

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

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Number of Special Education	
Teachers (FTEs)	5,139
2013-2014 IEP Students not Participating	
in Math Assessments	1,184
2013-2014 Percentage of IEP Students	
not Participating in Statewide Math	
Assessments (%)	4.50
2013-14 IEP Students not Participating	
in Statewide Reading Assessments	1,163
2013-14 Percentage of IEP Students	
not Participating in Statewide	



166	Reading Assessments (%)	4.50
167	Number of Students with an IEP	
168	Graduating with a Standard Diploma	900
169	Child Nutrition	
170	Sites Compliant with Fresh Fruit &	
171	Vegetable Program Standards (%)	96
172	Sites Compliant with the National	
173	School Lunch Program (%)	96
174	Sites Compliant with the School	
175	Breakfast Program	861
176	Compulsory School Attendance	
177	Statewide 2009-2010 Cohort 4-Year	
178	Dropout Rate (%)	13.90
179	General Administration	
180	Total Dollars Spent on General	
181	Administration (Dollars)	23,804,396
182	Percentage of Total Dollars Spent on	
183	General Administration (%)	16.86
184	Turnover Rate at Central Office (%)	5.80
185	Graduation & Career Readiness	
186	Public High School 4-Year Graduation	
187	Rate for 2009-2010 Cohort (Number)	28,500
188	Public High School 4-Year Graduation	
189	Rate for 2009-2010 Cohort (%)	82.00
190	Special Schools	



191	Number of Students Enrolled Annually	
192	at MSMS	225
193	Amount of Scholarship Offerings for MSMS	
194	Students Attending College (Dollars)	22,000,000
195	Percentage of MSMS Graduating Seniors	
196	Who Earn National Merit or	
197	National Achievement Semifinalist	
198	Status (%)	13
199	Average ACT Composite Score	
200	for Graduating Seniors	28.20
201	Average Cost per Student to	
202	Attend MSMS (Dollars)	21,000
203	Average ACT Composite Score for	
204	Graduating Seniors at MS School	
205	for the Arts	21
206	Percentage of MS School for the	
207	Arts Graduating Seniors Receiving	
208	Scholarship Offers (%)	77
209	Early Childhood Education	
210	Early Learning Collaborative Mean	
211	Scaled Score on the Kindergarten	
212	Readiness Assessment for Fall 2014	435
213	Early Learning Collaborative Mean	
214	Scaled Score on the Kindergarten	
215	Readiness Assessment for Spring 2015	531



216	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
217	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
218	Teachers with Alternative Route	
219	License (%)	10.60
220	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
221	Teachers with Five or More Years	
222	of Experience (%)	69.90
223	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
224	Teachers with Ten or More Years	
225	of Experience (%)	48.40
226	Statewide Average Years of Experience	
227	for 2015-2016 Full-Time Teachers	11
228	Statewide Percentage of 2015-2016	
229	Teachers with Less than Three Years	
230	of Experience (%)	19.30
231	Number of Teachers Retained	
232	Statewide from Previous Year	29,947
233	Percentage of Teachers Retained	
234	Statewide from Previous Year (%)	87.70
235	Elementary Education	
236	Number of Students Taking the Third	
237	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	
238	in May 2015	39,000
239	Percentage of All 3rd Graders Enrolled in	
240	May 2015 that took the Third Grade Reading	



241	Summative Assessment (%)	99.80
242	Statewide Mean Scaled Score on the Third	
243	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	985
244	Minimum Passing Score on the Third	
245	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	626
246	Number of Students Scoring At or Above	
247	Passing Score on the Third Grade	
248	Reading Summative Assessment	36,270
249	Percentage of Students Scoring At or	
250	Above Passing Score on the Third	
251	Grade Reading Summative Assessment (%)	93.00
252	Secondary Education	
253	Statewide Mean ACT Composite Score	
254	for Juniors Testing in March	17.50
255	Number of 11th Graders Taking	
256	the ACT in May 2015	32,000
257	Percentage of All 11th Graders Enrolled	
258	in March 2015 that took the ACT (%)	95
259	Number of Students Enrolled in One	
260	or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12	19,300
261	Percentage of Students Enrolled in One	
262	or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12 (%)	15.00
263	School Performance	
264	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
265	Membership in Schools with a	



266	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of A (%)	19.30
267	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
268	Membership in Schools with a	
269	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of B (%)	29.50
270	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
271	Membership in Schools with a	
272	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of C (%)	25.10
273	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
274	Membership in Schools with a	
275	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of D (%)	12.80
276	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
277	Membership in Schools with a	
278	2013-2014 Accountability Rating of F (%)	1.60
279	Percent of 2015-2016 Month 1 Net	
280	Membership in Schools without a	
281	2013-2014 Accountability Rating (%)	11.70

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

286 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
287 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
288 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
289 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
290 achieve the intended mission of the Mississippi Adequate Education



291 Program. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
292 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
293 below:

294 FY2018
295 Performance Measures Target

296 Basic Program

297 Increase the number of schools receiving a
298 performance classification of C or higher
299 (2015-2016 Baseline: 327) 330

300 Increase the number of districts receiving a
301 performance classification of C or higher
302 (2015-2016 Baseline: 89) 90

303 Increase statewide mean ACT Composite
304 core for Juniors taking the test in March
305 (2015-2016 Baseline: 18.3) 18.40

306 Increase 4-year graduation rate (%)
307 (2015-2016 Baseline: 82.3) 82.40

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

312 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
313 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
314 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
315 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to



316 achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Deaf
317 of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding
318 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the
319 targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
322 Instruction	
323 School for the Blind - Increase Graduation	
324 Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%)	
325 2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%	90.00
326 School for the Deaf - Increase Number of	
327 Students Receiving Standard &	
328 Occupational Diploma (%)	
329 2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00%	90.00
330 Student Services	
331 School for the Blind - Increase Eligible High	
332 School Students Working Part-Time (%)	
333 2011-2012 Baseline: 34.00%	40.00
334 Operation & Maintenance	
335 Number of Persons Served Through	
336 Community Sign Language Classes	90
337 Number of Parents Served Through	
338 Community Sign Language Classes	60
339 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
340 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	



341 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
342 Committee for Fiscal Year 2019.

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

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

357 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
358 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
359 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
360 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
361 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
362 the School for Math and Science.

363 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
364 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the



365 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State

366 Department of Education:

367 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

368	Permanent:	Full Time.....	51
369		Part Time.....	0
370	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
371		Part Time.....	0

372 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
373 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
374 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not
375 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,
376 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
377 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
378 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
379 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
380 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
381 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
382 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
383 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018
384 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
385 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
386 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
387 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
388 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
389 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"



390 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
391 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
392 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
393 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

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

411 **SECTION 13.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
412 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
413 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
414 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to



415 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical
 416 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on
 417 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to
 418 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
421 Secondary Programs	
422 Increase Career & Technical Education	
423 (CTE) Student Completers' Placement	
424 Rate (%)	3.00
425 2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%	
426 Increase Students Served in CTE (%)	
427 2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785	1.00
428 Decrease Number of Schools with	
429 Graduation Rate Less than 80%	160
430 Increase the Percentage of Students	
431 Who Graduated	82.00
432 Increase the Percentage of 11th Grade	
433 Students Who are College	
434 or Career Ready as Measured by the ACT	12.00
435 Post-secondary Programs	
436 Short Term Adult Programs (Num of Classes)	255
437 Agencies & Institutions	
438 Number of CTE student completers	3,700



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

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

449 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
450 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
451 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
452 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
453 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
454 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
455 soil conservation equipment.

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

460 **SECTION 17.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
461 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
462 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in



463 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
464 improper expenditure, for the following:

465	Glimpse.....	\$	80,000.00
466	Detention Centers.....	\$	900,000.00
467	Drop-out Prevention at Star Academy.....	\$	250,000.00
468	Dubard School.....	\$	500,000.00
469	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00
470	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	800,000.00
471	Stride.....	\$	600,000.00
472	Life Tracks (SLDS).....	\$	800,000.00
473	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$	580,000.00
474	Magee Enterprise Learning Lab.....	\$	160,000.00
475	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	434,033.00
476	Mississippi Arts Commission-Arts Institute.....	\$	40,000.00
477	Mississippi Autism.....	\$	160,000.00
478	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$	50,000.00
479	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$	280,000.00
480	Principal Corp.....	\$	400,000.00
481	Sight Savers.....	\$	341,178.00
482	Teach for America.....	\$	1,800,000.00
483	Teacher Corp.....	\$	150,000.00
484	USM - Autism Program.....	\$	40,000.00
485	Children's Center for Communication & Development...\$		574,032.00
486	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$	40,000.00
487	Vision Screening Research.....	\$	178,822.00



488	World Class Teacher Program.....	\$	480,000.00
489	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in Me.....	\$	80,000.00
490	University of Mississippi - Willie Price Lab School.	\$	200,000.00
491	Algebra Nation.....	\$	160,000.00
492	WorkKeys - Brookhaven Pilot.....	\$	20,000.00
493	Total.....	\$	10,323,065.00

494 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
495 Department of Education shall obtain a research methodology from a
496 provider that consists of a research prescription for each program
497 to be funded through the amounts set in Section 17. This research
498 methodology shall be made in consultation with PEER Committee
499 staff. Copies of such methodologies shall be provided to the
500 Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative
501 Budget Office. The following shall provide the reports: Chalkable
502 Learning Earnings Pilot Program, Magee Enterprise Learning Lab and
503 Smart Labs, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Stride, Dropout
504 Prevention at Star Academy, Amplify Data Coaching, Save the
505 Children, Algebra Nation, WorkKeys - Pilot for Brookhaven.

506 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
507 not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
508 (\$1,300,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
509 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
510 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
511 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
512 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.



513 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
514 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
515 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
516 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
517 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
518 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
519 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
520 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
521 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
522 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
523 Year 1985.

524 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
525 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
526 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
527 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2017 shall be Five Thousand Three
528 Hundred Eighty One Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$5,381.52).

529 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
530 not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be
531 derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund
532 for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in Section
533 37-151-7(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

534 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
535 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
536 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
537 the Deaf:



538 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

539	Permanent:	Full Time.....	181
540		Part Time.....	18
541	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
542		Part Time.....	0

543 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
544 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
545 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not
546 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,
547 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
548 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
549 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
550 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
551 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
552 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
553 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
554 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018
555 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
556 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
557 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
558 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
559 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
560 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"
561 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
562 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation



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564 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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566 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
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570 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
571 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
572 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
573 appropriated level.

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

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

582 **SECTION 24.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
583 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
584 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
585 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
586 increment.



587 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
588 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
589 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
590 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
591 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year
592 2017. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
593 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2019 shall be submitted to the
594 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
595 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
596 Fiscal Year 2018 budget request process for each agency and
597 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

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

602 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
603 Section 2 not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
604 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
605 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
606 Department of Education shall maximize federal funds for this
607 program, including Title 1, Part A - Improving the Academic
608 Achievement of the Disadvantaged, Title 1, Part D, Subpart 1,
609 Neglected and Delinquent and Title 1, Part D, Subpart 2, Neglected
610 and Delinquent. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
611 Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts made to the



612 Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office of
613 the Governor.

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

622 **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
623 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
624 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
625 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
626 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
627 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
628 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
629 made without competitive bids.

630 **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
631 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred
632 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the
633 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance
634 Officers.

635 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
636 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred



637 Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
638 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
639 amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars
640 (\$3,600,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

641 **SECTION 32.** The State Department of Education shall contract
642 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
643 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
644 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
645 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
646 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
647 calculating the estimates of these components due to the
648 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
649 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
650 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding
651 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
652 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2018.

653 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
654 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
655 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
656 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

657 **SECTION 34.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
658 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
659 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
660 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
661 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health



662 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
663 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

664 **SECTION 35.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
665 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under
666 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the
667 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a
668 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

669 **SECTION 36.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
670 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
671 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
672 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
673 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
674 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
675 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending
676 June 30, 2018. The school districts receiving these loans shall
677 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
678 loan on or before June 30, 2018.

679 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a),
680 Twenty Million Three Hundred Eighty-one Thousand One Hundred
681 Fifty-nine Dollars (\$20,381,159) shall be used for the School
682 Recognition Program authorized by Section 37-19-10, Mississippi
683 Code of 1972.

684 **SECTION 38.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
685 State Department of Education shall have the authority to expend
686 state funds not to exceed Seven Million Six Hundred Thousand



687 Dollars (\$7,600,000.00), to reimburse and/or compensate school
688 districts for expenditures related to Title I funding. Such
689 expenditures to be carried out in a manner consistent with the
690 rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
691 Administration. This authority shall take effect from and after
692 passage.

693 **SECTION 39.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
694 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
695 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Department
696 of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
697 State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1643, 2016 Regular
698 Session to provide additional funding for general education
699 purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending
700 June 30, 2018.....\$ 2,500,000.00

701 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
702 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
703 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2017.

704 **SECTION 41.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
705 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
706 local funds for implementation of the program.

707 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
708 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
709 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
710 program.



711 **SECTION 43.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Four
712 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood
713 Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is
714 the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended
715 to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not
716 been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
717 Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based.

718 **SECTION 44.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
719 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) shall be
720 used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

721 **SECTION 45.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), One
722 Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) is provided for the
723 Smart Lab project.

724 **SECTION 46.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
725 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
726 of the state accountability model.

727 **SECTION 47.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
728 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
729 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
730 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
731 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
732 officers in the manner provided by law.

733 **SECTION 48.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
734 and after July 1, 2017.

