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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1505
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
3 YEAR 2018.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.....
10\$ 1,144,718.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts
14 Commission which is comprised of special source funds and
15 donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission,
16 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for
17 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018..
18\$ 1,311,000.00.



SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	11
	Part Time.....	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	2
	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 2019 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2018 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 2018 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 2018 "Personal Services"



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

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

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

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

65 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
66 Mississippi Arts Commission shall maintain complete accounting and
67 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
68 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the



69 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
70 2017. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
71 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2019 shall be submitted to
72 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
73 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
74 during the Fiscal Year 2018 budget request process.

75 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
76 Section 2, funds in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand
77 Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be derived from the Education
78 Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,
79 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

80 Training of educators and promotion
81 of arts programs in public schools.....\$100,000.00
82 Miscellaneous grants and programs.....\$350,000.00

83 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
84 Arts Commission shall have the authority to transfer dollars
85 appropriated herein designated for the "Challenge Program,"
86 specific amounts to a special fund in the State Treasury called
87 the Arts Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The unexpended
88 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
89 not lapse into the State General Fund and may be expended by the
90 commission in subsequent fiscal years upon appropriation of the
91 Legislature. Any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited
92 to the credit of the fund and may be disbursed by the commission
93 upon appropriations of the Legislature. It is the intention of



94 the Legislature that the commission may award grants to arts
95 organizations from monies in the fund and the grantees will be
96 required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of
97 not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

98 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
99 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
100 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
101 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
102 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
103 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
104 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
105 made without competitive bids.

106 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Forty Thousand
107 Dollars (\$40,000.00) shall be provided by the Department of
108 Education for the purpose of funding the Whole Schools Summer
109 Institute.

110 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
111 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
112 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
113 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
114 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
115 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
116 actions contrary to this provision.

117 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
118 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



119 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
120 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
121 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
122 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

123 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
124 and after July 1, 2017.

