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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1522
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY
3 DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL 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 authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the
8 Pat Harrison Waterway District, for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.....
11\$ 6,555,853.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
13 provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
16		Part Time.....	49
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
18		Part Time.....	0



19 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
20 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
21 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not
22 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,
23 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
24 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
25 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
26 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
27 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
28 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
29 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
30 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018
31 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
32 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
33 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
34 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
35 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
36 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"
37 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
38 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
39 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
40 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

41 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
42 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
43 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 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Pat Harrison Waterway District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2017. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2019 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 2018 budget request process.



68 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
69 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
70 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
71 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
72 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
73 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
74 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
75 made without competitive bids.

76 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except
77 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which
78 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,
79 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the
80 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent
81 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills
82 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

83 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
84 Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and
85 Expenditure Review shall study and publish a comprehensive
86 feasibility study of the Pat Harrison Waterway. This report shall
87 be sent to the Legislative Budget Office not later than December
88 31, 2017.

89 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that from
90 and after July 1, 2017, any county that is not a member of the Pat
91 Harrison Waterway District may elect to become a member of the
92 district by order of the board of supervisors of such county



93 spread upon its minutes and certified to the Pat Harrison Waterway
94 Commission.

95 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
96 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
97 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
98 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
99 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
100 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
101 actions contrary to this provision.

102 **SECTION 9.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
103 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
104 or officers, in the manner provided by law.

105 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
106 and after July 1, 2017.

