

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1502

BY: Committee

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

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 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,029,990,108.00.

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.....\$ 8,035,626.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,258,638,646.00.

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.....\$ 873,781,138.00.

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.....\$ 281,448,021.00.

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.....\$ 1,178,119,531.00.

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\$ 211,448,021.00.

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.....	363
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>
154 Special Education	
155 Number of Special Education	
156 Teachers (FTEs)	5,139
157 2013-2014 IEP Students not Participating	
158 in Math Assessments	1,184
159 2013-2014 Percentage of IEP Students	
160 not Participating in Statewide Math	
161 Assessments (%)	4.50
162 2013-14 IEP Students not Participating	
163 in Statewide Reading Assessments	1,163



164	2013-14 Percentage of IEP Students	
165	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 (%)	13.00
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	926
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	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
296	Basic Program	
297	Increase Students Passing Algebra I	
298	Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	
299	2011-2012 Baseline: 81.90%	1.00
300	Increase Students Passing Biology I	
301	Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	
302	2011-2012 Baseline: 74.70%	2.00
303	Increase Students Passing English II	
304	Subject Area Test (SATP2) (%)	
305	2011-2012 Baseline: 73.10%	2.00
306	Increase Students Passing US History	
307	Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (%)	
308	2011-2012 Baseline: 72.90%	2.00
309	Increase Students Scoring Proficient or Above	
310	on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2) in	
311	Grades 3-8 in Reading/Language Arts (%)	
312	2011-2012 Baseline: 56.50%	2.50
313	Increase Students Scoring Proficient	



314 or Above on Mississippi Curriculum
 315 Test (MCT2) in Grades 3-8 in Math (%)
 316 2011-2012 Baseline: 63.50% 2.50

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

321 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 322 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 323 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
 324 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 325 achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Deaf
 326 of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding
 327 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the
 328 targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
331 Instruction	
332 School for the Blind - Increase Graduation	
333 Rate for Visually Impaired Students (%)	
334 2011-2012 Baseline: 50.00%	90.00
335 School for the Deaf - Increase Number of	
336 Students Receiving Standard &	
337 Occupational Diploma (%)	
338 2011-2012 Baseline: 75.00%	90.00



339 Student Services
340 School for the Blind - Increase Eligible High
341 School Students Working Part-Time (%)
342 2011-2012 Baseline: 34.00% 40.00

343 Operation & Maintenance
344 Number of Persons Served Through
345 Community Sign Language Classes 90
346 Number of Parents Served Through
347 Community Sign Language Classes 60

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

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

360 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
361 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
362 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
363 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,



364 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
365 Division.

366 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
367 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
368 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
369 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
370 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
371 the School for Math and Science.

372 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
373 this act, the following positions are authorized for the
374 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
375 Department of Education:

376 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

377	Permanent:	Full Time.....	51
378		Part Time.....	0
379	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
380		Part Time.....	0

381 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
382 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
383 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not
384 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,
385 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
386 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
387 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
388 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to



389 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
390 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
391 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
392 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018
393 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
394 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
395 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
396 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
397 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
398 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"
399 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
400 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
401 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
402 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

403 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
404 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
405 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
406 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
407 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
408 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
409 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
410 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
411 appropriated level.

412 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
413 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



414 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
415 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

420 **SECTION 13.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
421 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
422 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
423 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
424 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical
425 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on
426 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to
427 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2018
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
430 Secondary Programs	
431 Increase Career & Technical Education	
432 (CTE) Student Completers' Placement	
433 Rate (%)	3.00
434 2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00%	
435 Increase Students Served in CTE (%)	
436 2011-2012 Baseline: 2,785	1.00
437 Decrease Number of Schools with	
438 Graduation Rate Less than 80%	160



439 Increase the Percentage of Students
440 Who Graduated 82.00
441 Increase the Percentage of 11th Grade
442 Students Who are College
443 or Career Ready as Measured by the ACT 12.00
444 Post-secondary Programs
445 Short Term Adult Programs (Num of Classes) 255
446 Agencies & Institutions
447 Number of CTE student completers 3,700

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

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

458 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
459 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
460 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
461 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
462 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation



463 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
464 soil conservation equipment.

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

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

474	Chalkable Learning Earnings Pilot Program.....	\$	100,000.00.
475	Detention Centers.....	\$	1,000,000.00.
476	Digital Interactive Learning.....	\$	1,200,000.00.
477	Drop-out Prevention at Star Academy.....	\$	500,000.00.
478	Dubard School.....	\$	625,000.00.
479	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	325,000.00.
480	IHL-Alternative Route Certification Program.....	\$	40,400.00.00.
481	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	1,000,000.00.
482	Stride.....	\$	785,000.00.
483	Life Tracks (SLDS).....	\$	1,600,000.00.
484	Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program.....	\$	700,000.00.
485	Magee Enterprise Learning Lab.....	\$	200,000.00.
486	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	542,541.00.
487	Mississippi Arts Commission-Arts Institute.....	\$	40,000.00.



488	Mississippi Autism.....	\$	200,000.00.
489	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$	225,000.00.
490	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$	50,000.00.
491	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$	350,000.00.
492	Principal Corp.....	\$	00,000.00.
493	Safe Hearts Program.....	\$	100,000.00.
494	Save the Children Program.....	\$	150,000.00.
495	Sight Savers.....	\$	426,472.00.
496	Teach for America.....	\$	2,000,000.00.
497	Teacher Corp.....	\$	185,000.00.
498	USM - Autism Program.....	\$	50,000.00.
499	Children's Center for Communication & Development.	\$	717,540.00.
500	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$	40,000.00.
501	Vision Screening Research.....	\$	223,528.00.
502	World Class Teacher Program.....	\$	600,000.00.
503	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in Me.....	\$	100,000.00.
504	Univ. of Mississippi - Willie Price Lab School....	\$	250,000.00.
505	Algebra Nation.....	\$	200,000.00.
506	WorkKeys - Brookhaven Pilot.....	\$	25,000.00.
507	USM - Statewide Bicentennial Celebration.....	\$	85,000.00.
508	Total.....	\$	15,135,481.00.

509 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
510 Department of Education shall obtain a research methodology from a
511 provider that consists of a research prescription for each program
512 to be funded through the amounts set in Section 17. This research



513 methodology shall be made in consultation with PEER Committee
514 staff. Copies of such methodologies shall be provided to the
515 Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative
516 Budget Office. The following shall provide the reports: Chalkable
517 Learning Earnings Pilot Program, Magee Enterprise Learning Lab and
518 Smart Labs, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Stride, Dropout
519 Prevention at Star Academy, Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program
520 (Amplify), Save the Children, Algebra Nation, WorkKeys - Pilot for
521 Brookhaven.

522 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
523 not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars
524 (\$1,800,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
525 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
526 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
527 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
528 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.

529 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
530 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
531 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
532 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
533 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
534 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
535 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
536 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
537 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the



538 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
539 Year 1985.

540 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
541 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
542 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
543 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2018 shall be Five Thousand Three
544 Hundred Eighty-one Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (\$5,381.52).

545 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
546 not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be
547 derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund
548 for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in Section
549 37-151-7(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

550 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
551 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
552 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
553 the Deaf:

554 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

555	Permanent:	Full Time.....	176
556		Part Time.....	16
557	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
558		Part Time.....	0

559 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
560 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
561 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2019 do not
562 exceed Fiscal Year 2018 funds appropriated for that purpose,



563 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
564 2018 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
565 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
566 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
567 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
568 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
569 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
570 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2018
571 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
572 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
573 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
574 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
575 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
576 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2018 "Personal Services"
577 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
578 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
579 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
580 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

581 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
582 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
583 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
584 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
585 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
586 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
587 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



588 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
589 appropriated level.

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

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

598 **SECTION 24.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
599 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
600 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
601 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
602 increment.

603 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
604 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
605 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
606 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
607 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year
608 2017. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
609 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2019 shall be submitted to the
610 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
611 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the



612 Fiscal Year 2018 budget request process for each agency and
613 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

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

618 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
619 Section 2 not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
620 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
621 Program.

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

630 **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
631 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
632 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
633 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
634 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
635 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



636 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
637 made without competitive bids.

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

643 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
644 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Six Hundred
645 Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
646 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
647 amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars
648 (\$3,600,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

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



661 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
662 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
663 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
664 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

665 **SECTION 34.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
666 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
667 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
668 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
669 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health
670 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
671 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

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

677 **SECTION 36.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
678 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
679 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
680 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
681 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
682 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
683 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending
684 June 30, 2018. The school districts receiving these loans shall



685 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
686 loan on or before June 30, 2018.

687 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
688 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
689 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2017.

690 **SECTION 38.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
691 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
692 local funds for implementation of the program.

693 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
694 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) is provided
695 for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in
696 Schools (MCOPS) grant program.

697 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Four
698 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood
699 Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is
700 the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended
701 to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not
702 been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
703 Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based.

704 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
705 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) shall be
706 used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

707 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), Two
708 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Smart
709 Lab project.



710 **SECTION 43.** None of the funds provided herein may be
711 expended to make payments or transfers to the Mississippi
712 Association of School Superintendents. Furthermore, none of the
713 funds provided herein maybe expended if any local school district
714 expends any public funds to make payments or transfers to the
715 Association.

716 **SECTION 44.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
717 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
718 of the state accountability model.

719 **SECTION 45.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
720 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
721 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
722 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
723 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
724 officers in the manner provided by law.

725 **SECTION 46.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a),
726 Twenty Million Three Hundred Eighty-one Thousand One Hundred
727 Fifty-nine Dollars (\$20,381,159.00) shall be used for the School
728 Recognition Program authorized in Section 37-19-10, Mississippi
729 Code of 1972.

730 **SECTION 47.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
731 and after July 1, 2017, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2017.

