

By: Representatives Read, Huddleston (15th), To: Appropriations
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1573

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019.

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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of
8 Optometry, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending

10 June 30, 2019.....\$ 127,643.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
12 this act, the following positions are authorized:

13 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

14	Permanent:	Full Time.....	1
15		Part Time.....	0
16	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
17		Part Time.....	0



18 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
19 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

20 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
21 State Board of Optometry shall maintain complete accounting and
22 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
23 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
24 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
25 2018. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
26 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 shall be submitted to
27 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
28 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
29 during the Fiscal Year 2019 budget request process.

30 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
31 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
32 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
33 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
34 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
35 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
36 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
37 made without competitive bids.

38 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
39 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
40 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
41 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
42 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally



43 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
44 actions contrary to this provision.

45 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
46 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
47 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
48 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
49 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
50 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

51 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that this
52 agency shall have the authority to expend funds from any source
53 that may become available to the agency in accordance with the
54 rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
55 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
56 federal funds for the purpose of funding any increase in health
57 insurance costs for Fiscal Year 2019, or for the purpose of
58 funding additional fees, costs or assessments received by the
59 agency from the Department of Information Technology Services or
60 the Department of Finance and Administration for Fiscal Year 2019
61 that may be incurred by the agency as a result of legislation
62 passed during the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature and
63 approved by the Governor. The agency is authorized to escalate
64 other special funds for the limited purposes provided in this
65 section in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Nine Hundred
66 Nineteen Dollars (\$2,919.00).



67 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
68 and after July 1, 2018.

