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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1592

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 2019.

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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019,
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.....\$ 112,436,295.00.

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.....\$ 20,535,504.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Uniform Per Student Funding Formula
28 Program.....\$ 1,995,003,702.00.

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.....\$ 7,853,209.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,212,022,468.00.

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, 2018, and ending
39 June 30, 2019, 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 Uniform Per Student
50 Funding Formula Program.....\$ 284,234,427.00.

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.....\$ 1,210,905,937.00.

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 Uniform Per Student Funding Formula
 91 Program.....\$ 214,234,427.00.



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.....	349
101		Part Time.....	3
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	128
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 2020 do not
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2019 funds appropriated for that purpose,
108 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
109 2019 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 2019
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 2019 "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:

	FY2019
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Special Education Teachers (FTE)	
(Number of)	5,183
IEP Students not Participating in Math	
Assessments (Number of)	1,184
Percentage of IEP Students not Participating	
in Statewide Math Assessment (%)	5.00
IEP Students not Participating in Statewide	
Reading Assessments (Number of)	1,163
Percentage of IEP Students not Participating	
in Statewide Reading Assessments (%)	5.00
Students with an IEP Graduating	



166	with a Standard Diploma (Number of)	1,269
167	Child Nutrition	
168	Sites Compliant with Fresh Fruit &	
169	Vegetable Program Standards (%)	97.00
170	Sites Compliant with the National	
171	School Lunch Program (%)	97.00
172	Sites Compliant with the School	
173	Breakfast Program (Number of)	861
174	Compulsory School Attendance	
175	Statewide Cohort 4-Year Dropout Rate (%)	10.80
176	General Administration	
177	Total Dollars Spent on General	
178	Administration (\$)	26,873,165.00
179	Percentage of Total Dollars Spent on	
180	General Administration (%)	18.83
181	Turnover Rate at Central Office (%)	5.14
182	Graduation & Career Readiness	
183	Public High School 4-Year Graduation	
184	Rate for Cohort (Number of)	28,500
185	Public High School 4-Year Graduation	
186	Rate for Cohort (%)	84.00
187	Special Schools	
188	Students Enrolled Annually at MSMS	
189	(Number of)	225
190	Amount of Scholarship Offerings for MSMS	



191	Students Attending College (\$)	22,000,000.00
192	Percentage of MSMS Graduating Seniors	
193	Who Earn National Merit or	
194	National Achievement Semifinalist	
195	Status (%)	10.00
196	Average ACT Composite Score for	
197	MSMS Graduating Seniors	29.00
198	Average Cost per Student to	
199	Attend MSMS (\$)	21,000.00
200	Average ACT Composite Score for	
201	Graduating Seniors at MS School	
202	for the Arts	21.80
203	Percentage of MS School for the	
204	Arts Graduating Seniors Receiving	
205	Scholarship Offers (%)	78.00
206	Early Childhood Education	
207	Early Learning Collaborative Mean	
208	Scaled Score on the Kindergarten	
209	Readiness Assessment	435
210	Early Learning Collaborative Mean	
211	Scaled Score on the Kindergarten	
212	Readiness Assessment	570
213	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
214	Statewide Percentage of Teachers with	
215	Alternative Route License (%)	10.60



216	Statewide Percentage of Teachers with Five	
217	or More Years of Experience (%)	70.90
218	Statewide Percentage of Teachers with Ten	
219	or More Years of Experience (%)	48.40
220	Statewide Average Years of Experience for	
221	Full-Time Teachers (Number of)	11.00
222	Statewide Percentage of Teachers with Less	
223	than Three Years of Experience (%)	20.00
224	Teachers Retained Statewide from	
225	Previous Year (Number of)	29,947
226	Teachers Retained Statewide from	
227	Previous Year (%)	73.50
228	Elementary Education	
229	Students Taking the Third Grade Reading	
230	Summative Assessment (Number of)	40,500
231	Percentage of All 3rd Graders Enrolled that	
232	took the Third Grade Reading Summative	
233	Assessment (%)	99.65
234	Statewide Mean Scaled Score on the Third	
235	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	
236	Mississippi Academic Assessment Program	
237	(MAAP) English Language Arts (ELA)	360
238	Minimum Passing Score on the Third	
239	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	
240	Mississippi Academic Assessment Program	



241	(MAAP) English Language Arts (ELA)	350
242	Students Scoring At or Above Passing Score	
243	on the Third Grade Reading Summative	
244	Assessment (Number of)	25,000
245	Percentage of Students Scoring At or	
246	Above Passing Score on the Third	
247	Grade Reading Summative Assessment (%)	61.73
248	Secondary Education	
249	Statewide Mean ACT Composite Score	
250	for Juniors Testing in March	18.20
251	11th Graders Taking the ACT in May	
252	(Number of)	33,000
253	Percentage of All 11th Graders Enrolled	
254	that took the ACT (%)	96.00
255	Students Enrolled in One or more AP	
256	Course Grades 9 - 12 (Number of)	16,318
257	Percentage of Students Enrolled in One	
258	or More AP Course Grades 9 - 12 (%)	12.20
259	School Performance	
260	Percent of Month 1 Net Membership in Schools	
261	with an Accountability Rating of A (%)	18.00
262	Percent of Month 1 Net Membership in Schools	
263	with an Accountability Rating of B (%)	32.00
264	Percent of Month 1 Net Membership in Schools	
265	with an Accountability Rating of C (%)	24.00



266 Percent of Month 1 Net Membership in Schools
 267 with an Accountability Rating of D (%) 17.00
 268 Percent of Month 1 Net Membership in Schools
 269 with an Accountability Rating of F (%) 8.00
 270 Percent of Month 1 Net Membership in School
 271 with no Accountability Rating (%) 1.00

272 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 273 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 274 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 275 Committee for Fiscal Year 2020.

276 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 277 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 278 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
 279 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 280 achieve the intended mission of the Mississippi Uniform Per
 281 Student Funding Formula Program. Based on the funding authorized,
 282 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 283 performance measures provided below:

284		FY2019
285	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
286	Basic Program	
287	Increase the number of schools receiving a	
288	performance classification of C or higher	
289	(2015-2016 Baseline: 327)	331
290	Increase the number of schools receiving a	



291 performance classification of C or higher
 292 (2015-2016 Baseline: 89) 91
 293 Increase statewide mean ACT composite core
 294 for Juniors taking the test in March
 295 (2015-2016 Baseline: 18.3) 18.50
 296 Increase 4-year graduation rate (%)
 297 (2015-2016 Baseline: 82.3) 84.80

298 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 299 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 300 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 301 Committee for Fiscal Year 2020.

302 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 303 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 304 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
 305 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 306 achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Deaf
 307 of the State Department of Education. Based on the funding
 308 authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the
 309 targeted performance measures provided below:

310		FY2019
311	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
312	Instruction	
313	Increase Graduation Rate for Visually	
314	Impaired Students (%). 2011-2012 Baseline:	
315	50.00%	90.00



316 Increase Number of Students Receiving
317 Standard & Occupational Diplomas (%)
318 2011-12 Baseline: 75.00% 100.00

319 Student Services

320 Increase Eligible High School Students
321 Working Part-Time (%). 2011-2012 Baseline:
322 34.00% 48.00

323 Operation & Maintenance

324 Persons Served Through Community Sign
325 Language Classes (Number of) 95

326 Parents Served Through Community Sign
327 Language Classes (Number of) 60

328 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
329 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
330 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
331 Committee for Fiscal Year 2020.

332 **SECTION 9.** No school district shall expend any funds,
333 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
334 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
335 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
336 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
337 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
338 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
339 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."



340 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
341 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
342 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
343 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
344 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
345 Division.

346 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
347 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
348 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
349 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
350 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
351 the School for Math and Science.

352 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
353 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
354 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
355 Department of Education:

356 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

357	Permanent:	Full Time.....	50
358		Part Time.....	0
359	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
360		Part Time.....	0

361 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
362 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
363 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2020 do not
364 exceed Fiscal Year 2019 funds appropriated for that purpose,



365 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
366 2019 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
367 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
368 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
369 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
370 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
371 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
372 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2019
373 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
374 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
375 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
376 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
377 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
378 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2019 "Personal Services"
379 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
380 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
381 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
382 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

383 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
384 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
385 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
386 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
387 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
388 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
389 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



390 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
391 appropriated level.

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

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

400 **SECTION 13.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
401 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
402 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
403 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
404 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical
405 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on
406 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to
407 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2019
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Secondary Programs	
Increase students served in CTE (%)	
2011-2012 Baseline: 2785	2.00
Increase the percentage of 11th grade	
students who are college or career ready	



415	as measured by the ACT (%)	12.00
416	Increase the percentage of students who	
417	graduated (%)	83.00
418	Increase CTE Student Completers' Placement	
419	Rate. 2011-2012 Baseline: 89.00% (%)	1.00
420	Decrease the number of schools with	
421	graduation rate less than 80% (Number of)	65
422	Post-secondary Programs	
423	CTE student completers (Number of)	3,700
424	Short term adult programs (Number of)	200

425 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
426 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
427 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
428 Committee for Fiscal Year 2020.

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

435 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
436 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
437 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
438 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
439 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation



440 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
441 soil conservation equipment.

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

446 **SECTION 17.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
447 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
448 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
449 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
450 improper expenditure, for the following:

451	Detention Centers.....	\$	900,000.00
452	Drop-out Prevention at Star Academy.....	\$	250,000.00
453	Dubard School.....	\$	500,000.00
454	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00
455	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	800,000.00
456	Stride.....	\$	600,000.00
457	Life Tracks (SLDS).....	\$	800,000.00
458	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$	580,000.00
459	Magee Enterprise Learning Lab.....	\$	160,000.00
460	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	434,033.00
461	Mississippi Arts Commission-Arts Institute.....	\$	40,000.00
462	Mississippi Autism.....	\$	160,000.00
463	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$	50,000.00
464	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$	280,000.00



465	Principal Corp.....	\$ 400,000.00
466	Sight Savers.....	\$ 341,178.00
467	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,800,000.00
468	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 150,000.00
469	USM - Autism Program.....	\$ 40,000.00
470	Children's Center for Communication & Development...\$	574,032.00
471	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$ 40,000.00
472	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 178,822.00
473	World Class Teacher Program.....	\$ 480,000.00
474	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in Me.....\$	80,000.00
475	University of Mississippi - Willie Price Lab School.\$	200,000.00
476	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 160,000.00
477	WorkKeys - Brookhaven Pilot.....	\$ 20,000.00
478	Total.....	\$ 10,243,065.00

479 **SECTION 18.** The State Board of Education shall not expend
480 any funds appropriated in Section 17 of this Act after January 1,
481 2019 until the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
482 Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) has received a progress
483 report on the effectiveness of these programs from the entities
484 receiving funds by December 15, 2018. PEER shall provide written
485 guidance to entities as to the format and contents of the required
486 progress reports. The following shall provide the reports: Magee
487 Enterprise Learning Lab and Smart Labs, Jobs for Mississippi
488 Graduates, Stride, Dropout Prevention at Star Academy, Algebra
489 Nation, WorkKeys - Pilot for Brookhaven.



490 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
491 not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
492 (\$1,300,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
493 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
494 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
495 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
496 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.

497 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
498 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
499 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
500 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
501 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
502 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
503 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
504 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
505 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
506 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
507 Year 1985.

508 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
509 purpose of funding the Mississippi Uniform Per Student Funding
510 Formula Program as determined under Section 37-151-207,
511 Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year
512 2018 shall be Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800.00).

513 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
514 not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be



515 derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund
516 for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in Section
517 37-151-7(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

518 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
519 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
520 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
521 the Deaf:

522 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

523	Permanent:	Full Time.....	162
524		Part Time.....	12
525	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
526		Part Time.....	0

527 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
528 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
529 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2020 do not
530 exceed Fiscal Year 2019 funds appropriated for that purpose,
531 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
532 2019 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
533 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
534 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
535 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
536 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
537 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
538 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2019
539 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the



540 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
541 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
542 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
543 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
544 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2019 "Personal Services"
545 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
546 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
547 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
548 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

549 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
550 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
551 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
552 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
553 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
554 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
555 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
556 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
557 appropriated level.

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

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



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

566 **SECTION 24.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
567 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
568 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
569 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
570 increment.

571 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
572 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
573 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
574 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
575 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year
576 2018. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
577 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2020 shall be submitted to the
578 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
579 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
580 Fiscal Year 2019 budget request process for each agency and
581 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

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

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



589 Program. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 not
590 less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars
591 (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It
592 is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of
593 Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child Program
594 based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include only
595 those billable days funded through appropriation of state funds
596 and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that
597 the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts made to
598 the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office
599 of the Governor.

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

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



614 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
615 made without competitive bids.

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

621 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
622 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand
623 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
624 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
625 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is
626 provided from the Department of Health.

627 **SECTION 32.** The State Department of Education shall contract
628 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
629 Mississippi Uniform Per Student Funding Formula Program to include
630 the base student cost, school district allocations, total program
631 cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of
632 Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall
633 be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components
634 due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1
635 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and
636 the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the
637 funding of this contract shall be submitted by the State



638 Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January
639 30, 2019.

640 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
641 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
642 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
643 used for the Mississippi Uniform Per Student Funding Formula
644 Program.

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

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

657 **SECTION 36.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
658 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
659 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
660 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
661 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
662 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code



663 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending
664 June 30, 2019. The school districts receiving these loans shall
665 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
666 loan on or before June 30, 2019.

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

672 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
673 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
674 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2018.

675 **SECTION 39.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
676 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
677 local funds for implementation of the program.

678 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
679 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
680 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
681 program.

682 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Four
683 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood
684 Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is
685 the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended
686 to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not



687 been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
688 Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based.

689 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
690 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) shall be
691 used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

692 **SECTION 43.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), One
693 Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) is provided for the
694 Smart Lab project.

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

698 **SECTION 45.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
699 State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts
700 provided in this Act for the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and
701 Deaf, and the funding amounts for the Mississippi School of the
702 Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science shall
703 be equal to the amount provided in Fiscal Year 2018.

704 **SECTION 46.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
705 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
706 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
707 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
708 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
709 officers in the manner provided by law.

710 **SECTION 47.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
711 and after July 1, 2018, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2018.

