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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2947  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR  
3 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 State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical  
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending  
10 June 30, 2019.....\$ 149,221,241.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as  
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for  
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student  
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or  
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the  
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....  
18 .....\$ 1,552,346,081.00.



19           **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for  
20 expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the  
21 University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School  
22 of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the  
23 School of Health Related Professions, the School of Population  
24 Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area.  
25 The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and  
26 make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures  
27 for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning  
28 of the legislative session.

29           **SECTION 4.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it  
30 is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of  
31 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting  
32 qualified registered nurses.

33           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the  
34 funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to  
35 provide medical services on behalf of any state agency,  
36 institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that  
37 such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the  
38 hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the  
39 rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or  
40 political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the  
41 charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event  
42 that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital  
43 shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution



44 or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been  
45 paid.

46 **SECTION 6.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
47 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
48 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
49 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

50 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
51 University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for  
52 Fiscal Year 2020 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
53 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
54 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2019  
55 budget request process.

56 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds authorized for expenditure in  
57 Section 2, Six Million Eight Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand  
58 Twenty-nine Dollars (\$6,888,029.00) shall be derived from the  
59 Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to  
60 Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

61 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
62 Section 2, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred  
63 Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the  
64 Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407,  
65 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the  
66 University of Mississippi Medical Center.

67 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
68 of Section 1, the sum of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars



69 (\$315,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural  
70 Dentists Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 776, 2013  
71 Regular Session.

72 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
73 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
74 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
75 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
76 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
77 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
78 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
79 made without competitive bids.

80 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
81 Section 2, One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars  
82 (\$1,800,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural  
83 Physicians' Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 1465,  
84 2007 Regular Session.

85 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum  
86 of Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00)  
87 is hereby appropriated for the University of Mississippi Medical  
88 Center Cancer Institute.

89 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five  
90 Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby  
91 appropriated for a Comprehensive Tobacco Center at the University  
92 of Mississippi Medical Center.



93           **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
94 Million Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,425,000.00)  
95 is provided for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce as  
96 described in House Bill 317, 2012 Regular Session.

97           **SECTION 16.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized  
98 for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that  
99 kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

100           **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
101 of Section 1, One Million Three Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Seven  
102 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,391,750.00) shall be provided from  
103 General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at  
104 the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused  
105 and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or  
106 construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center  
107 and for support and maintenance of the center.

108           **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
109 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
110 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
111 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
112 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
113 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
114 actions contrary to this provision.

115           **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
116 Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Five  
117 Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$289,534.00) is provided for the



118 administration of the Rural Physicians' Scholarship Program and  
119 the Rural Dentists' Scholarship Program.

120         **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
121 of Section 1, Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
122 (\$2,850,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the  
123 University of Mississippi Medical Center.

124         **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that any  
125 cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's  
126 Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of  
127 those divisions.

128         **SECTION 22.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
129 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
130 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
131 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
132 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
133 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

134         **SECTION 23.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
135 and after July 1, 2018.

