

By: Senator(s) Clarke, Hopson, Carmichael,  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2951  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE  
3 FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR 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, to the Board of Trustees  
8 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying  
9 the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the  
10 Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 5,471,213.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and  
16 Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning  
17 July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 1,164,183.00.



18           **SECTION 3.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein  
19 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds  
20 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions  
21 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

22           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if  
23 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly  
24 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,  
25 research grants or donations, such special source funds not  
26 classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for  
27 under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the  
28 Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be  
29 included in all reports and requests for the 2019 Regular Session  
30 of the Mississippi Legislature.

31           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
32 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 shall be submitted to  
33 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
34 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
35 during the Fiscal Year 2019 budget request process.

36           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two  
37 Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Five Dollars (\$253,005.00) shall be  
38 derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited  
39 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of  
40 1972.

41           **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
42 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



43 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
44 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
45 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
46 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
47 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
48 made without competitive bids.

49 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
50 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
51 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
52 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
53 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
54 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
55 actions contrary to this provision.

56 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
57 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
58 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
59 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
60 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
61 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

62 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
63 and after July 1, 2018.

