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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2954
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
3 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, for the aid and support
8 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....
10\$ 144,290,316.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
13 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
14 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise
15 appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and
16 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and
17 ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 43,685,363.00.



18 **SECTION 3.** The funds appropriated in this act for the aid
19 and support of the public and community junior colleges shall be
20 apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

21		FTE
22	<u>Formula Section</u>	<u>Formula</u>
23	(a) Aid to Colleges:	
24	Base	15% prior year
25		appropriation
26	Academic	1.0
27	Technical	1.0
28	MSVCC Shared Host	.75
29	MSVCC Shared Provider	.25
30	(b) Career	1.0
31	(c) Associate Degree	
32	Nursing	1.19
33	(d) Associate Degree	
34	Allied Health	1.19

35 Academic, Technical, Career, Associate Degree Nursing and
36 Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the
37 basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated
38 during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public
39 community and junior college student actually enrolled and in
40 attendance the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its
41 equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of
42 Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who



43 reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay
44 purposes.

45 Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) shared hosted
46 and provided courses may qualify for incentive funding on the
47 basis of the prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of MSVCC
48 shared hours generated during the summer, fall and spring
49 semesters. In addition, all provider MSVCC semester credit hours
50 will be included in either the academic, technical or career
51 sections of the formula at a weight of one (1.0).

52 The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or
53 his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college
54 and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall
55 certify the number to the Mississippi Community College Board.

56 If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at
57 the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate
58 in this appropriation, as provided for in this section, the
59 Mississippi Community College Board shall find and determine that
60 any such public or community junior college does not have
61 sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of
62 its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2018, until
63 distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that
64 event, the Mississippi Community College Board is expressly
65 authorized to make an advance to any such public community or
66 junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds
67 for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided,



68 however, that the amount of any such advance to any one (1) public
69 community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent
70 (33%) of the amount of state-appropriated funds received by such
71 public community or junior college during the preceding fiscal
72 year; and provided, further, that the amount of any such advance
73 shall be deducted from the pro rata part of the funds appropriated
74 hereby accruing to said public community or junior college when
75 enrollment has been ascertained and distribution of funds is made.

76 **SECTION 4.** No part of the amount herein appropriated shall
77 be used by the Mississippi Community College Board for
78 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the
79 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the
80 expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

81 **SECTION 5.** The funds disbursed under the provisions of this
82 act shall be accounted for through the Mississippi Community
83 College Board.

84 **SECTION 6.** The following public community and junior
85 colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by
86 Sections 1 and 2 of this act:

87 Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,
88 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community
89 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community
90 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,
91 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,
92 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast



93 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community
94 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi
95 Community College.

96 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
97 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the
98 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any
99 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a
100 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

101 **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
102 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
103 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public
104 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,
105 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for
106 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and
107 ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 23,522,100.00.

108 The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to
109 participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health
110 Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are
111 not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for
112 the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

113 **SECTION 9.** In addition to funds appropriated in Section 8,
114 the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
115 hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover
116 Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health
117 insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health



118 Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college
119 employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending
120 June 30, 2019.....\$ 560,000.00.

121 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
122 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
123 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
124 establishing and operating Workforce Development Centers at each
125 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year
126 beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....
127\$ 4,500,000.00.

128 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
129 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
130 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
131 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
132 Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community and
133 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and
134 ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 179,050.00.

135 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
136 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
137 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
138 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
139 the Education Technology Program at the public community and
140 junior colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board for
141 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019..
142\$ 7,099,160.00.



143 **SECTION 13.** A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition
 144 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi
 145 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation
 146 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of
 147 enrollment, as set out in Section 37-155-5(d)(iii), Mississippi
 148 Code of 1972.

149 **SECTION 14.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 150 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 151 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
 152 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
 153 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 154 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 155 performance measures provided below:

156	FY2019
157 <u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
158 Instruction	
159 Number of Total Degrees Awarded per 100	
160 FTE Enrollment (%)	30.30
161 Associate Degrees	15.06
162 Associate of Applied Science Degrees	7.90
163 Certificates	8.74
164 Percentage of First-Time Entering,	
165 Part-Time Degree Seeking Students (Fall)	
166 who Earned 24 Credit Hours by the End of	
167 Year Two (%)	15.93



168	Percentage of First-Time Entering,	
169	Full-time Degree Seeking Students (Fall)	
170	who Earned 42 Credit Hours by the End of	
171	Year Two (%)	43.33
172	Percentage of Associate Degree	
173	Nursing & Practical Nursing Licensure	
174	Exam Pass Rates (%)	91.91
175	Percentage of Total Student Success,	
176	which Graduates, Transfers, &	
177	Retention (those still enrolled) (%)	55.75
178	Graduates (%)	27.86
179	Transfers (%)	22.56
180	Retention (%)	7.56
181	Percentage of Students Enrolled in Career/	
182	Technical & Health Science Programs (%)	23.50
183	Percentage of In-State Job Placements of	
184	Career/Technical & Health Science	
185	Graduates (%)	89.90
186	Percentage of Students (unduplicated	
187	headcount) who Enrolled in English	
188	Composition I who Successfully	
189	Completed English Composition I	
190	during the Academic Year (%)	73.67
191	Percentage of Students (unduplicated	
192	headcount) who enrolled in College	



193 Algebra who Successfully Completed
 194 College Algebra during the Academic Year
 195 (%) 76.12
 196 High School Equivalencies awarded
 197 (Number of) 1,297

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

202 **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 203 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
 204 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
 205 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
 206 Advanced Training Centers at each of the public community and
 207 junior colleges, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and
 208 ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 2,250,000.00.

209 **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 210 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
 211 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
 212 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
 213 the Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health Programs, for the
 214 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....
 215 \$ 2,556,922.00.

216 **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 217 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State



218 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
219 providing a pilot dropout recovery initiative based on a
220 successful program administered through the adult basic education
221 program with the Mississippi Community College Board for the
222 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and
223 ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 3,000,000.00.

224 Of the funds provided in this section, Two Hundred Thousand
225 Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for each community and junior
226 college.

227 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and
228 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget
229 Office a comprehensive report on the number of dropouts that have
230 enrolled in a High School Equivalency and/or career program for
231 each community and junior college during Fiscal Year 2018 on, or
232 before, August 1, 2019.

233 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
234 of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain
235 utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such
236 utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane,
237 cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined,
238 the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance
239 with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall
240 include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not
241 include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities
242 shall be prohibited.



243 **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
244 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
245 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
246 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
247 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
248 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
249 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
250 made without competitive bids.

251 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
252 support of community and junior colleges shall maintain complete
253 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
254 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
255 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
256 Year 2018. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
257 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 shall be
258 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
259 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
260 provided during the Fiscal Year 2019 budget request process.

261 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
262 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
263 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
264 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
265 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
266 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
267 actions contrary to this provision.



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

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

