

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**# 2**

**MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020,  
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.....\$ 181,761,535.00.

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 .....\$ 76,610,418.00.

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.....\$ 18,866,383.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the  
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
28 .....\$ 1,994,714,811.00.

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.....\$ 9,887,066.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,281,840,213.00.

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, 2019, and ending  
39 June 30, 2020, 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.....\$ 907,562,476.00.



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 .....\$ 20,981,914.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education  
50 Program.....\$ 251,431,187.00.

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.....\$ 2,158,848.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,182,134,425.00.

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 Adequate Education Program.....  
 91 .....\$ 231,431,187.00.



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.....	392
101		Part Time.....	3
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	158
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 2021 do not  
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2020 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
108 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
109 2020 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 2020  
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 2020 "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 Funds are provided herein for all full-time employees to  
127 receive up to a Three Percent (3%) pay increase to the realignment  
128 component of the Variable Compensation Plan, excluding head of  
129 agencies, board members and commission members.

130 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
131 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
132 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
133 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
134 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
135 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
136 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
137 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
138 appropriated level.

139 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
140 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



141 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
142 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

147 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
148 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
149 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
150 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
151 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,  
152 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
153 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make  
154 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
155 below:

	FY2020
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	5,932.00
IEP students not participating in Math	
Assessments (Number of)	1,184.00
IEP students not participating in	
statewide Math Assessments (%)	5.00
IEP students not participating in	
statewide Reading Assessments (Number	



166	of)	1,163.00
167	IEP students not participating in	
168	statewide Reading Assessments (%)	5.00
169	Students with an IEP graduating with a	
170	standard diploma (Number of)	1,269.00
171	Child Nutrition	
172	Sites compliant with Fresh Fruit and	
173	Vegetable Program standards (%)	97.00
174	Sites compliant with the National School	
175	Lunch Program (%)	97.00
176	Sites compliant with the School	
177	Breakfast Program (Number of)	861.00
178	Compulsory School Attendance	
179	Statewide Cohort 4-Year Dropout Rate (%)	10.80
180	General Administration	
181	Total Dollars Spent on General	
182	Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
183	Total Budget Spent on General	
184	Administration (%)	18.58
185	Turnover rate at Central Office (%)	5.36
186	Graduation & Career Readiness	
187	Public high school 4-year graduation	
188	cohort (Number of)	28,500.00
189	Public high school 4-year cohort	
190	graduation rate (%)	84.00





191	Special Schools	
192	Students enrolled annually at MSMS	
193	(Number of)	248
194	Amount of scholarship offerings for MSMS	
195	students attending college (\$)	25,000,000.00
196	MSMS graduating seniors who earn	
197	National Merit or National Achievement	
198	Semifinalist status (%)	10.00
199	Average ACT Composite score for	
200	graduating seniors at MSMS (Number of)	30.00
201	Average cost per student to attend MSMS (\$)	21,000.00
202	Average ACT composite score for	
203	graduating seniors at MS School for the	
204	Arts (Number of)	23.10
205	Percentage of MS School for the Arts	
206	graduating seniors receiving scholarship	
207	offers (%)	79.00
208	Early Childhood Education	
209	Early Learning Collaborative Mean Scaled	
210	Score on the Kindergarten Readiness	
211	Assessment for Fall (Number of)	435.00
212	Early Learning Collaborative Mean Scaled	
213	Score on the Kindergarten Readiness	
214	Assessment for Spring (Number of)	575.00
215	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	



216	Statewide percentage of teachers with	
217	alternate route licenses (%)	8.50
218	Statewide percent of teachers with five	
219	or more years of experience (%)	74.00
220	Statewide percent of teachers with ten	
221	or more years of experience (%)	52.10
222	Statewide average years of experience	
223	for full-time teacher (Number of)	11.10
224	Statewide percentage of teachers with	
225	less than three years of experience (%)	20.00
226	Teachers retained statewide from	
227	previous year (Number of)	30,500.00
228	Teachers retained statewide from	
229	previous year (%)	77.50
230	Elementary Education	
231	Students Taking the Third Grade Reading	
232	Summative Assessment in May (Number of)	36,384.00
233	3rd graders enrolled in May that took	
234	the Third Grade Reading Summative	
235	Assessment (%)	99.80
236	Statewide Mean Scaled Score on the Third	
237	Grade Reading Summative Assessment	
238	Mississippi Academic Assessment Program	
239	(MAAP) English Language Arts (ELA)	
240	(Number of)	362.00



241	Minimum Passing Score on the Third Grade	
242	Reading Summative Assessment	
243	Mississippi Academic Assessment Program	
244	(MAAP) English Language Arts (ELA)	
245	(Number of)	350.00
246	Students scoring at or above passing	
247	score on the Third Grade Reading	
248	Summative Assessment (Number of)	27,215.00
249	Students scoring at or above passing	
250	score on the Third Grade Reading	
251	Summative Assessment (%)	74.80
252	Secondary Education	
253	Statewide Mean ACT Composite Score for	
254	Juniors Testing in March (Number of)	18.50
255	11th graders taking the ACT in May	
256	(Number of)	35,000.00
257	11th graders enrolled that took the ACT (%)	96.50
258	Students enrolled in one or more AP	
259	courses Grades 9 - 12 (Number of)	16,318.00
260	Students enrolled in one or more AP	
261	courses Grades 9 - 12 (%)	12.20
262	School Performance	
263	Month 1 Net Membership in schools with	
264	accountability rating of A (%)	19.00
265	Month 1 Net Membership in schools with a	



266	accountability rating of B (%)	33.00
267	Month 1 Net Membership in schools with a	
268	accountability rating of C (%)	25.00
269	Month 1 Net Membership in schools with a	
270	accountability rating of D (%)	15.00
271	Month 1 Net Membership in schools with a	
272	accountability rating of F (%)	7.00
273	Month 1 Net Membership in schools	
274	without an accountability rating (%)	1.00

275 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
276 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
277 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
278 Committee for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

287		FY2020
288	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
289	Basic Program	
290	Number of schools receiving a	



291 performance classification of C or  
 292 higher (Number of) 350.00  
 293 Number of districts receiving a  
 294 performance classification of C or  
 295 higher (Number of) 95.00  
 296 Statewide mean ACT composite core for  
 297 Juniors taking the test in March (Score) 18.70  
 298 Increase 4-year graduation rate (%) 84.80

299 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 300 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
 301 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
 302 Committee for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

311		FY2020
312	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
313	Instruction	
314	Graduation rate for visually impaired	
315	students (%)	75.00



316	Students receiving standard &	
317	occupational diploma (%)	75.00
318	Student Services	
319	Eligible high school students working	
320	part-time (%)	10.00
321	Operation & Maintenance	
322	Persons served through community sign	
323	language classes (Number of)	190.00
324	Parents served through community sign	
325	language classes (Number of)	50.00

326 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
327 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
328 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
329 Committee for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

338 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two  
339 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be  
340 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose



341 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
342 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
343 Division.

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

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

354 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

355	Permanent:	Full Time.....	50
356		Part Time.....	0
357	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
358		Part Time.....	0

359 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
360 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
361 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2021 do not  
362 exceed Fiscal Year 2020 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
363 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
364 2020 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
365 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel



366 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
367 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
368 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
369 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
370 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2020  
371 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the  
372 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
373 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
374 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
375 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
376 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2020 "Personal Services"  
377 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
378 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
379 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
380 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

381 Funds are provided herein for all full-time employees to  
382 receive up to a Three Percent (3%) pay increase to the realignment  
383 component of the Variable Compensation Plan, excluding head of  
384 agencies, board members and commission members.

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





391 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
392 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
393 appropriated level.

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

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

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

	FY2020
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
412 Secondary Programs	
413 Increase in students served in CTE (%)	2.00
414 11th grade students who are college or	
415 career ready as measured by the ACT (%)	12.00



416	Students who graduated (%)	83.00
417	Increase in CTE Student Completers'	
418	Placement Rate (%)	1.00
419	Schools with graduation rate less than	
420	80% (Number of)	65.00

421 Post-secondary Programs

422	Short term adult program classes (Number of)	200.00
423	CTE student completers (Number of)	3,700.00

424 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
425 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
426 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
427 Committee for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

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



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

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

450	Detention Centers.....	\$	900,000.00.
451	Dubard School.....	\$	575,000.00.
452	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00.
453	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	800,000.00.
454	Stride.....	\$	600,000.00.
455	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$	800,000.00.
456	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	550,000.00.
457	Mississippi Arts Commission - Arts Institute.....	\$	40,000.00.
458	Mississippi Autism.....	\$	160,000.00.
459	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$	50,000.00.
460	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$	200,000.00.
461	Principal Corp.....	\$	400,000.00.
462	Sight Savers.....	\$	341,178.00.
463	Teach for America.....	\$	1,800,000.00.
464	Teacher Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
465	USM-Autism Program.....	\$	40,000.00.



466	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$	574,032.00.
467	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$	40,000.00.
468	Vision Screening Research.....	\$	225,000.00.
469	Univ of Miss - Willie Price Lab School.....	\$	200,000.00.
470	Algebra Nation.....	\$	700,000.00.
471	Save the Children.....	\$	75,000.00.
472	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$	112,500.00.
473	Microsoft IT Academy.....	\$	250,000.00.
474	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$	150,000.00.
475	CampusKnot.....	\$	75,000.00.
476	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in me.....	\$	75,000.00.
477	Mastery Prep.....	\$	75,000.00.
478	Total.....	\$	10,232,710.00.

479       **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
480 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
481 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for  
482 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic  
483 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi  
484 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and  
485 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.  
486 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or  
487 College and Career Standards.

488       Of the funds appropriated in this Section, an amount not to  
489 exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) shall be used for a  
490 certification pilot program for agriculture. Of the funds



491 appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed Three  
492 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be distributed to the  
493 Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used  
494 for computer science programs development and teacher training for  
495 elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the  
496 purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including  
497 both academic and career and technical education programs,  
498 developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the  
499 State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in  
500 the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer  
501 science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi  
502 Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career  
503 Standards.

504       **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
505 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),  
506 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the  
507 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the  
508 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution  
509 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school  
510 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of  
511 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the  
512 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the  
513 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal  
514 Year 1985.



515           **SECTION 20.** Of the funds provided in this act for the  
516 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as  
517 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the  
518 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2020 shall be Five Thousand Six  
519 Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty-nine Cents (\$5,608.49).

520           **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
521 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the  
522 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
523 the Deaf:

524           AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

525	Permanent:	Full Time.....	181
526		Part Time.....	18
527	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
528		Part Time.....	0

529           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
530 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
531 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2021 do not  
532 exceed Fiscal Year 2020 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
533 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
534 2020 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
535 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
536 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
537 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
538 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
539 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases



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542 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
543 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
544 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
545 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
546 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2020 "Personal Services"  
547 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
548 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
549 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
550 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

551 Funds are provided herein for all full-time employees to  
552 receive up to a Three Percent (3%) pay increase to the realignment  
553 component of the Variable Compensation Plan, excluding head of  
554 agencies, board members and commission members.

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



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

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

572 **SECTION 22.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the  
573 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and  
574 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the  
575 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual  
576 increment.

577 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
578 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and  
579 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
580 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
581 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year  
582 2019. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
583 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2021 shall be submitted to the  
584 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
585 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
586 Fiscal Year 2020 budget request process for each agency and  
587 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.





588           **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the  
589 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million  
590 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for  
591 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred  
592 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class  
593 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers  
594 seeking National Board Certification.

595           **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
596 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
597 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
598 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State  
599 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child  
600 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include  
601 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state  
602 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature  
603 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts  
604 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the  
605 Office of the Governor.

606           **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
607 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)  
608 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.  
609 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship  
610 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department  
611 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.



612           **SECTION 27.** The public school districts of the state are  
613 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred  
614 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the  
615 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired  
616 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
617 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the  
618 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for  
619 this purpose.

620           **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
621 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
622 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
623 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,  
624 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
625 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
626 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
627 made without competitive bids.

628           **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less  
629 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred  
630 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the  
631 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance  
632 Officers.

633           **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
634 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand  
635 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary  
636 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The



637 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is  
638 provided from the Department of Health.

639       **SECTION 31.** The State Department of Education shall contract  
640 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the  
641 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student  
642 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on  
643 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,  
644 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for  
645 calculating the estimates of these components due to the  
646 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the  
647 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the  
648 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding  
649 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of  
650 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2020.

651       **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
652 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars  
653 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be  
654 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

655       **SECTION 33.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
656 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for  
657 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
658 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be  
659 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health  
660 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred  
661 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.



662           **SECTION 34.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
663 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under  
664 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the  
665 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a  
666 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

667           **SECTION 35.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
668 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or  
669 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars  
670 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of  
671 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency  
672 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code  
673 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending  
674 June 30, 2020. The school districts receiving these loans shall  
675 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the  
676 loan on or before June 30, 2020.

677           **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a),  
678 Twenty-four Million Nine Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred  
679 One Dollars (\$24,992,201.00) shall be used for the School  
680 Recognition Program authorized by Section 37-19-10, Mississippi  
681 Code of 1972.

682           **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven  
683 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
684 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2019.



685           **SECTION 38.** Any school district receiving funds through Save  
686 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from  
687 local funds for implementation of the program.

688           **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
689 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi  
690 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant  
691 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)  
692 may be used for training and administrative costs related to  
693 oversight and auditing of the program.

694           **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Six  
695 Million Six Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen  
696 Dollars (\$6,699,517.00) is provided for an Early Childhood  
697 Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is  
698 the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended  
699 to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not  
700 been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance  
701 Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based or  
702 research-based programs as those terms are defined by Section  
703 27-103-159(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

704           **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
705 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred  
706 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative  
707 and Assessment. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a),  
708 Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$94,500.00) shall be



709 used for the Mississippi Center for Excellence in Literacy  
710 Instruction.

711 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is  
712 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion  
713 of the state accountability model.

714 **SECTION 43.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
715 Million Five Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Eleven  
716 Dollars (\$2,584,411.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School  
717 of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand  
718 Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,727,470.00) shall be used for the  
719 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the  
720 intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education  
721 shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this Act for  
722 the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for  
723 Mathematics and Science.

724 **SECTION 44.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and  
725 Section 2(b), contingent upon the passage SB 2447, 2019 Regular  
726 Session, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided  
727 for career and technical grants to schools for qualified students.

728 **SECTION 45.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2(a), One  
729 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be  
730 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of  
731 the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303,  
732 Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined  
733 by the State Treasurer, for courses, curriculum and training and



734 exam costs including Advanced Placement, dual credit,  
735 International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, diploma endorsements  
736 (career and technical, academic and distinguished academic) and  
737 WorkKeys.

738       **SECTION 46.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2(a), Five  
739 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall  
740 be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of  
741 the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303,  
742 Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined  
743 by the State Treasurer, for the Mississippi Student Information  
744 System (MSIS).

745       **SECTION 47.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an  
746 amount not to exceed Fifty-eight Million Four Hundred Forty-two  
747 Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$58,442,743.00) shall  
748 be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public  
749 school district in the state for an annual salary increase of One  
750 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) as prescribed in the  
751 Minimum Salary Schedule in Senate Bill 2770, 2019 Regular Session,  
752 for each state funded certified teacher, teacher assistant,  
753 reading and librarian aide, counselor and librarian, excluding  
754 non-instructional personnel and administrators, for the 2019-2020  
755 school year, and school years thereafter.

756       **SECTION 48.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
757 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
758 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Department



759 of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of  
760 State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1592, 2018 Regular  
761 Session to provide additional funding for general education  
762 purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending  
763 June 30, 2020.....\$ 3,000,000.00.

764 **SECTION 49.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid  
765 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
766 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
767 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
768 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
769 officers in the manner provided by law.

770 **SECTION 50.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
771 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year  
772 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),  
773 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of  
774 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

775 **SECTION 51.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
776 and after July 1, 2019.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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 2020.





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