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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1700

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 2021.

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, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021,
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.....\$ 121,813,870.00.

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.....\$ 15,961,151.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,067,645,799.00.

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.....\$ 2,291,918,304.00.

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, 2020, and ending
39 June 30, 2021, 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.....\$ 902,791,576.00.



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.....\$ 255,389,519.00.

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.....\$ 1,181,321,857.00.

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\$ 235,389,519.00.



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.....	362
101		Part Time.....	2
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	162
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 2022 do not
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,
108 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
109 2021 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 2021
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 2021 "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:

	FY2021
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
154 Special Education	
155 Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,248
156 Gifted Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	805
157 Increase percentage of children with	
158 disabilities in general education early	
159 childhood programs while decreasing the	
160 percentage in self-contained special	
161 education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
162 General Administration	
163 Total Dollars Spent on General	
164 Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
165 Total Budget Spent on General	



166	Administration (%)	18.58
167	Create a public-facing data system for	
168	all stakeholders (%)	100.00
169	Create a user-friendly website for the	
170	public and school districts to access	
171	data to make decisions (%)	100.00
172	Create a roadmap to improve the	
173	Mississippi Student Information System	
174	(%)	100.00
175	Publish research results to support	
176	improved student outcomes and teacher	
177	effectiveness (Number of)	9
178	Graduation & Career Readiness	
179	Increase the percentage of students	
180	graduating from high school ready for	
181	college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
182	Early Childhood Education	
183	Increase percentage of kindergarten	
184	students achieving end-of-year target	
185	score on Kindergarten Readiness	
186	post-test (%)	68.88
187	Increase the percentage of Early	
188	Learning Collaborative sites meeting	
189	required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
190	Increase number of students enrolled in	



191	Title I or locally funded pre-K classes	
192	(Number of)	8,022
193	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
194	Increase the percentage of districts	
195	reporting Professional Growth System	
196	(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders	
197	(%)	79.00
198	Increase the number of licensed, diverse	
199	teachers and leaders (Number of)	46
200	Increase the percentage of teacher	
201	candidates passing licensure exams on	
202	the first attempt (%)	12.00
203	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
204	and non-certified teachers in schools	
205	that are High Poverty (%)	22.00
206	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
207	and non-certified teachers in schools	
208	that are High Minority (%)	2.00
209	Elementary Education	
210	Increase the percentage of students who	
211	pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at	
212	the first administration in each	
213	subgroup (%)	80.00
214	Secondary Education	
215	Increase the percentage of students	



216	participating in and passing Advanced	
217	Placement (AP), International	
218	Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams	
219	in each subgroup (%)	37.00
220	Increase the percentage of students	
221	ready for college as measured by meeting	
222	ACT benchmarks in each content area	
223	(public school class data, grade 11) (%)	11.00
224	Assessment & Development	
225	Increase the percentage of students	
226	proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide	
227	assessments (grades 3-8) and high	
228	school composite) in each subgroup (%)	50.07
229	Decrease the percentage of students	
230	scoring levels 1-3 on statewide	
231	assessments in each subgroup (%)	49.93
232	Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten	
233	students in public schools attaining	
234	kindergarten readiness on the pre-K	
235	end-of-year assessment (%)	72.00
236	School Performance	
237	Increase the percentage of schools rated	
238	"C" or higher (%)	77.00
239	Increase the percentage of districts	
240	rated "C" or higher (%)	72.90



241	Increase the percentage of students	
242	demonstrating growth on statewide ELA	
243	assessments in each subgroup (%)	65.63
244	Increase the percentage of students	
245	demonstrating growth on statewide Math	
246	assessments in each subgroup (%)	64.43
247	Increase the percentage of students	
248	participating in dual credit in each	
249	subgroup (%)	50.00
250	Increase the percentage of students	
251	passing dual credit in each subgroup (%)	98.00
252	Increase the growth of D and F districts	
253	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
254	letter grade and/or increasing the	
255	number of points within a letter grade	
256	(%)	76.00
257	Increase the growth of D and F schools	
258	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
259	letter grade and/or increasing the	
260	number of points within a letter grade	
261	(%)	70.00
262	Increase the growth of Districts of	
263	Transformation by improving the letter	
264	grade and/or increasing the number of	
265	points within a letter grade (%)	100.00



266 Increase the growth of schools under
267 Districts of Transformation by improving
268 the letter grade and/or increasing the
269 number of points within a letter grade
270 (%) 100.00

271 Decrease the number of high schools
272 rated D or F (Number of) 55

273 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
274 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
275 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
276 Committee for Fiscal Year 2022.

277 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,
278 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
279 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
280 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
281 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
282 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
283 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
284 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

285 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
286 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
287 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
288 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
289 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
290 Division.



291 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
292 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
293 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
294 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
295 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
296 the School for Math and Science.

297 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
298 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
299 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
300 Department of Education:

301 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

302	Permanent:	Full Time.....	49
303		Part Time.....	0
304	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
305		Part Time.....	0

306 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
307 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
308 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
309 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,
310 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
311 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
312 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
313 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
314 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
315 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the



316 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
317 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021
318 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
319 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
320 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
321 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
322 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
323 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"
324 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
325 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
326 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
327 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

328 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
329 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
330 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
331 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
332 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
333 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
334 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
335 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
336 appropriated level.

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



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

345 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
346 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
347 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
348 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
349 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
350 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

351 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
352 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
353 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
354 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
355 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
356 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
357 soil conservation equipment.

358 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more
359 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is
360 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of
361 America Center.

362 **SECTION 14.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
363 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
364 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in



365 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
366 improper expenditure, for the following:

367	Detention Centers.....	\$ 900,000.00.
368	Dubard School.....	\$ 575,000.00.
369	Dyslexia Program.....	\$ 225,000.00.
370	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$ 800,000.00.
371	Stride.....	\$ 600,000.00.
372	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$ 800,000.00.
373	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 550,000.00.
374	Mississippi Arts Commission - Arts Institute.....	\$ 40,000.00.
375	Mississippi Autism.....	\$ 160,000.00.
376	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$ 50,000.00.
377	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$ 200,000.00.
378	Principal Corp.....	\$ 400,000.00.
379	Sight Savers.....	\$ 341,178.00.
380	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,800,000.00.
381	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 200,000.00.
382	USM-Autism Program.....	\$ 40,000.00.
383	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$ 574,032.00.
384	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$ 40,000.00.
385	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 225,000.00.
386	Univ of Miss - Willie Price Lab School.....	\$ 200,000.00.
387	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 700,000.00.
388	Save the Children.....	\$ 75,000.00.
389	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$ 112,500.00.



390	Microsoft IT Academy.....	\$	250,000.00.
391	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$	150,000.00.
392	CampusKnot.....	\$	75,000.00.
393	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in me.....	\$	75,000.00.
394	Mastery Prep.....	\$	75,000.00.
395	Total.....	\$	10,232,710.00.

396 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
397 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
398 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
399 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
400 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
401 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
402 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.
403 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
404 College and Career Standards.

405 Of the funds appropriated in this Section, an amount not to
406 exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) shall be used for a
407 certification pilot program for agriculture. Of the funds
408 appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed Three
409 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be distributed to the
410 Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used
411 for computer science programs development and teacher training for
412 elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the
413 purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including
414 both academic and career and technical education programs,



415 developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the
416 State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in
417 the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer
418 science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi
419 Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career
420 Standards.

421 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
422 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
423 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
424 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
425 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
426 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
427 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
428 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
429 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
430 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
431 Year 1985.

432 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
433 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
434 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
435 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2021 shall be Five Thousand Eight
436 Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars and Thirty-five Cents (\$5,829.35).

437 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
438 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the



439 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
440 the Deaf:

441 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

442	Permanent:	Full Time.....	181
443		Part Time.....	18
444	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
445		Part Time.....	0

446 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
447 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
448 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
449 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,
450 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
451 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
452 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
453 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
454 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
455 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
456 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
457 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021
458 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
459 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
460 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
461 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
462 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
463 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"



464 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
465 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
466 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
467 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

468 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
469 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
470 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
471 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
472 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
473 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
474 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
475 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
476 appropriated level.

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

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

485 **SECTION 19.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
486 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
487 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the



488 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
489 increment.

490 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
491 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
492 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
493 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
494 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
495 2020. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
496 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to the
497 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
498 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
499 Fiscal Year 2021 budget request process for each agency and
500 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

501 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the
502 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million
503 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for
504 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred
505 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class
506 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers
507 seeking National Board Certification.

508 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
509 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
510 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
511 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
512 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child



513 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
514 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state
515 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
516 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts
517 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the
518 Office of the Governor.

519 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
520 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
521 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.
522 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship
523 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department
524 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

525 **SECTION 24.** The public school districts of the state are
526 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
527 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
528 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
529 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
530 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
531 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
532 this purpose.

533 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
534 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
535 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
536 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
537 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



538 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
539 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
540 made without competitive bids.

541 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
542 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred
543 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the
544 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance
545 Officers.

546 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
547 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand
548 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
549 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
550 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is
551 provided from the Department of Health.

552 **SECTION 28.** The State Department of Education shall contract
553 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
554 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
555 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
556 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
557 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
558 calculating the estimates of these components due to the
559 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
560 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
561 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding



562 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
563 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2021.

564 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
565 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
566 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
567 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

568 **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
569 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
570 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
571 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
572 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health
573 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
574 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

575 **SECTION 31.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
576 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under
577 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the
578 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a
579 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

580 **SECTION 32.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
581 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
582 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
583 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
584 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
585 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
586 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending



587 June 30, 2021. The school districts receiving these loans shall
588 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
589 loan on or before June 30, 2021.

590 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a),
591 Twenty-four Million Nine Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred
592 One Dollars (\$24,992,201.00) shall be used for the School
593 Recognition Program authorized by Section 37-19-10, Mississippi
594 Code of 1972.

595 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
596 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
597 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2020.

598 **SECTION 35.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
599 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
600 local funds for implementation of the program.

601 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
602 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
603 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
604 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)
605 may be used for training and administrative costs related to
606 oversight and auditing of the program.

607 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Six
608 Million Six Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen
609 Dollars (\$6,699,517.00) is provided for an Early Childhood
610 Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is
611 the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended



612 to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not
613 been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
614 Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based or
615 research-based programs as those terms are defined by Section
616 27-103-159(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

617 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
618 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred
619 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative
620 and Assessment. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a),
621 Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$94,500.00) shall be
622 used for the Mississippi Center for Excellence in Literacy
623 Instruction.

624 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
625 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
626 of the state accountability model.

627 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
628 Million Five Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Eleven
629 Dollars (\$2,584,411.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School
630 of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand
631 Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,727,470.00) shall be used for the
632 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the
633 intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education
634 shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this Act for
635 the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for
636 Mathematics and Science.



637 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and
638 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is
639 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
640 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
641 1972.

642 **SECTION 42.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
643 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
644 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
645 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
646 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
647 officers in the manner provided by law.

648 **SECTION 43.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
649 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year
650 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),
651 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of
652 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

653 **SECTION 44.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
654 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2020.

