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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1702  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL  
3 TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021.

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 appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
8 expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television  
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
10 June 30, 2021.....\$ 3,909,155.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for  
14 Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds  
15 collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the  
16 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal  
17 year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.....  
18 .....\$ 8,241,301.00.



19           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

21       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

22	Permanent:	Full Time.....	93
23		Part Time.....	0
24	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	11
25		Part Time.....	0

26           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
27 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
28 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not  
29 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose unless  
30 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2021  
31 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by  
32 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
33 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
34 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
35 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the  
36 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,  
37 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise  
38 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification, or  
39 realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special  
40 situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the  
41 agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly  
42 report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the  
43 chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency



44 Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the  
45 chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House  
46 of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency  
47 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this  
48 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations  
49 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of  
50 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the  
51 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State  
52 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action  
53 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost  
54 or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services" appropriated level,  
55 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the  
56 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be  
57 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the  
58 requirements of this provision are met.

59 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
60 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
61 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
62 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
63 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
64 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
65 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
66 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
67 appropriated level.



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

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

76 Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the  
77 continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of  
78 educational and instructional, professional growth, and public  
79 service programs, with the production of new films and programs to  
80 be secondary thereto.

81 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
82 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain  
83 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
84 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
85 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
86 maintained for Fiscal Year 2020. It is further the intention of  
87 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
88 2022 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
89 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
90 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request  
91 process.



92           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
93 Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred  
94 Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the  
95 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
96 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

97           **SECTION 6.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be  
98 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for  
99 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication  
100 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor  
101 shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds  
102 appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state  
103 agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or  
104 publication activities of such office.

105           **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
106 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the  
107 authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement  
108 Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi  
109 Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment  
110 for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

111           **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
112 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
113 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
114 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
115 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,



116 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
117 performance measures provided below:

118		FY2021
119	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
120	Content Operations	
121	Locally produced TV programs (Number of)	150
122	Locally produced radio programs (Number of)	1,092
123	Weekly average number of web site users	
124	(Number of)	4,500
125	Prior promotion of all storms/disasters (%)	100.00
126	Students & schools participating in MPB	
127	Arts in Education Programming (Number	
128	of)	10
129	New programs produced and broadcast	
130	related to Fit to Eat programming	
131	(Number of)	13
132	Radio and TV coverage during times of	
133	emergency (%)	100.00
134	Education Services	
135	Teachers using Digital Education Network	
136	(DEN) Classroom (Number of)	1,800
137	Increase in parents/teachers using MPB	
138	online Resources for Pre-K children (%)	10.00
139	Increase in high school students using	
140	the Learning Network (%)	5.00



141	Rotary clubs sponsoring with MPB (Number of)	20
142	Childcare centers using Between the	
143	Lions Initiative (Number of)	30
144	Children using Between the Lions	
145	Preschool Literacy (Number of)	300
146	Technical Services	
147	Increase visitors viewing the Healthy	
148	Living related items on MPB Site (%)	31.00
149	Transmitters on air (Number of)	8
150	On-air reliability (%)	99.95
151	IT Help Desk orders filled (Number of)	600
152	Cost to deliver technical services for	
153	Radio, TV, and other educational	
154	services (\$)	3,018,000.00
155	Administration	
156	Community engagements/outreach events	
157	(Number of)	125
158	Increase state agencies partnered with	
159	(Number of)	40
160	New grant dollars acquired (\$)	75,000.00
161	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
162	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
163	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
164	Committee for Fiscal Year 2022.	



165           **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
166 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
167 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
168 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
169 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
170 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
171 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
172 made without competitive bids.

173           **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an  
174 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot  
175 shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of  
176 Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

177           **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
178 Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus  
179 on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

180           **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
181 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
182 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
183 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
184 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
185 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

186           **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
187 and after July 1, 2020.

