MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2020

By: Representatives Read, Hines

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1751

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE BUDGET CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEFRAY ELIGIBLE COVID-19 EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Budget Contingency Fund, created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of Education for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and through June 30, 2021.............................$ 1.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose defraying expenses of the Department of Education or school districts for costs incurred in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including expenses for distance learning or technological improvements, as allowed under Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act or
any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

**SECTION 2.** None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended until the State Superintendent of Education certifies to the State Fiscal Officer that the expenditures are qualified for reimbursement under Section 5001 of the CARES Act and any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of Treasury.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in Budget Contingency Fund, created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the state-supported institutions of higher learning for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and through June 30, 2021............................$ 1.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the state-supported institutions of higher learning in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as allowed under Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act or any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.
SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in Budget Contingency Fund, created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Community College Board and the public community and junior colleges for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and through June 30, 2021...........$ 1.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the Community College Board and the public community and junior colleges in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as allowed under Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2020.