

By: Representative Read

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1809

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE  
2 GRANT PROGRAM FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO  
3 ADMINISTER THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN  
4 HOUSE BILL NO. 1810, 2020 REGULAR SESSION; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Rental  
9 Assistance Grant Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
10 Mississippi Development Authority for purposes of administering  
11 the Rental Assistance Grant Program established in House Bill No.  
12 1810, 2020 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon passage  
13 of this act and ending December 30, 2020

14 .....\$ 20,000,000.00.

15 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of  
16 this act, the term "agency" means the Mississippi Development  
17 Authority.

18 (2) The agency shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
19 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an



20 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
21 the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
22 incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to  
23 COVID-19 as provided under Section 601(d) of the federal Social  
24 Security Act as added by Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus  
25 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and its  
26 implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other  
27 criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by  
28 the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining  
29 that the recipient has not received and will not receive  
30 reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of  
31 funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds  
32 provided under Section 601 of the federal Social Security Act as  
33 added by Section 5001 of the CARES Act. In addition, the agency  
34 shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are  
35 disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections  
36 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2  
37 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330  
38 through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management,  
39 and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

40       **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
41 the funds appropriated to the agency under this act, the agency  
42 shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that  
43 each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the agency under  
44 this act is in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules,



45 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
46 time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding  
47 the use of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by  
48 the CARES Act.

49 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
50 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
51 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
52 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the CARES Act (a)  
53 determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise  
54 used any of the funds appropriated to the agency under this act  
55 for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines,  
56 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
57 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
58 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus Relief  
59 Fund established by the CARES Act, and (b) the State of  
60 Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of  
61 those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
62 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or  
63 recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise  
64 used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of  
65 those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the  
66 federal government.

67 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
68 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Rental Assistance  
69 Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants



70 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
71 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
72 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

73           **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
74 and after its passage.

