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SENATE BILL NO. 2059

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION  
2 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE OAKES  
3 AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the following words  
7 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly  
8 requires otherwise:

9 (a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date  
10 of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated  
11 initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon  
12 from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,  
13 compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the  
14 approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same  
15 maturity.

16 (b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

17 (c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

18 (2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020  
19 Oakes African American Cultural Center Repair and Renovation



20 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be  
21 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,  
22 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended  
23 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall  
24 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or  
25 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into  
26 such fund.

27 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be  
28 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and  
29 Administration, to pay the costs of repair and renovation of the  
30 Oakes African American Cultural Center in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

31 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be  
32 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph  
33 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has  
34 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described  
35 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,  
36 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts  
37 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt  
38 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with  
39 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as  
40 directed by the commission.

41 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration,  
42 acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
43 Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and  
44 expend any local or other source funds in connection with the



45 expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The  
46 expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be  
47 under the direction of the Department of Finance and  
48 Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State  
49 Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants  
50 shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director  
51 of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

52 (3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,  
53 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general  
54 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for  
55 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in  
56 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution  
57 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the  
58 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general  
59 obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department  
60 shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to  
61 the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission,  
62 in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the  
63 form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of  
64 the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of  
65 the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and  
66 do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection  
67 with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of  
68 bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred



69 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under  
70 this section after July 1, 2024.

71 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into  
72 the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall  
73 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in  
74 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such  
75 bonds.

76 (4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized  
77 under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this  
78 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such  
79 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates  
80 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,  
81 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places  
82 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature  
83 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25)  
84 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such  
85 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall  
86 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in  
87 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the  
88 commission.

89 (5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by  
90 the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and  
91 the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto,  
92 attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest  
93 coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by



94 the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such  
95 bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign  
96 the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who  
97 may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery  
98 of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such  
99 bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds  
100 and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all  
101 purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially  
102 signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to  
103 the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may  
104 bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,  
105 such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of  
106 the State of Mississippi.

107 (6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the  
108 provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of  
109 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform  
110 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this  
111 section, the commission shall not be required to and need not  
112 comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

113 (7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds  
114 authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds,  
115 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise  
116 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and  
117 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs  
118 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other



119 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and  
120 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to  
121 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery  
122 of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds  
123 derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such  
124 bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of  
125 the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best  
126 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on  
127 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

128 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice  
129 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than  
130 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published  
131 in one or more newspapers published or having a general  
132 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the  
133 commission.

134 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of  
135 this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State  
136 of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the  
137 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or  
138 dates named therein.

139 (8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section  
140 are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the  
141 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of  
142 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by  
143 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the



144 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency  
145 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State  
146 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain  
147 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of  
148 this subsection.

149 (9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions  
150 of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any  
151 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2)  
152 of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed  
153 solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and  
154 Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be  
155 contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the  
156 bonds.

157 (10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued  
158 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other  
159 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and  
160 things which are specified or required by this section. Any  
161 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the  
162 provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon  
163 its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be  
164 adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a  
165 majority of its members.

166 (11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this  
167 section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First  
168 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and



169 with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13,  
170 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal,  
171 school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required  
172 by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or  
173 having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

174 (12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this  
175 section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,  
176 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other  
177 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under  
178 this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel  
179 performance of all duties required by this section to be  
180 performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and  
181 interest thereon.

182 (13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section  
183 shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and  
184 for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies  
185 organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such  
186 bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and  
187 shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state  
188 and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose  
189 of securing the deposit of public funds.

190 (14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and  
191 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of  
192 Mississippi.





193 (15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section  
194 shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including  
195 the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

196 (16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further  
197 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and  
198 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of  
199 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue  
200 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due  
201 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the  
202 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the  
203 State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the  
204 designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time  
205 to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates  
206 thereof.

207 (17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete  
208 authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this  
209 section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of  
210 any existing law of this state.

211 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
212 and after its passage.

