

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Wiggins, Turner-Ford, Chism, DeLano, Norwood To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2957 (As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR
3 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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending

10 June 30, 2021.....\$ 7,971,467.00.

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 Gaming
14 Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
15 commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending

16 June 30, 2021.....\$ 766,211.00.

17 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
18 this act, the following positions are authorized:



19 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

20	Permanent:	Full Time.....	125
21		Part Time.....	0
22	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
23		Part Time.....	0

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



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

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

66 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
67 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



68 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
69 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

74 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, a portion
75 shall be derived from the amount of forfeited property that is
76 seized by the Gaming Commission, which shall be deposited into a
77 special fund created by the Department of Finance and
78 Administration and may be expended by the commission for the
79 specific purpose of increasing law enforcement resources as
80 outlined in Section 41-29-185, Mississippi Code 1972.

81 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, a portion
82 shall be derived from the amount that is received by the Gaming
83 Commission under the Gaming Control Act, which shall be deposited
84 into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and
85 Administration and may be expended by the commission for the
86 purpose of investigating, permitting, interagency fees, and
87 providing fingerprint analysis by the Department of Public Safety.

88 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
89 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
90 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
91 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
92 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



93 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
94 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
95 made without competitive bids.

96 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
97 Gaming Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel
98 records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under
99 this act and that such records shall be in the same format and
100 level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2020. It is further
101 the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request
102 for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
103 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
104 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2021
105 budget request process.

106 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
107 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
108 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
109 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
110 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
111 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
112 performance measures provided below:

	FY2021
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Riverboat Gaming	
Annual State Riverboat Gaming Revenues (\$)	2,000,000,000.0
Casinos Regulated (Number of)	26



118	Average Cost per Employee to Total State	
119	Riverboat Gaming Revenues (\$)	16,025,457.00
120	Charitable Bingo	
121	Bingo Applications Received (Number of)	11
122	Bingo Halls Regulated (Number of)	68
123	Average Cost per Employee to Total State	
124	Charitable Bingo Revenues (\$)	4,676,905.00

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

129 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
130 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
131 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
132 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
133 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
134 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
135 actions contrary to this provision.

136 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
137 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
138 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
139 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
140 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
141 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.



142 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
143 and after July 1, 2020.

