



22 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
23 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
24 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
25 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
26 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
27 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
28 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
29 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
30 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021  
31 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the  
32 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
33 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
34 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
35 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
36 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"  
37 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
38 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
39 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
40 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

41 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
42 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
49 appropriated level.

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53 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

58 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
59 Board of Architecture shall maintain complete accounting and  
60 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
61 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
62 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
63 2020. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
64 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to  
65 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
66 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
67 during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request process.

68 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
69 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
70 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
71 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
72 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
73 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

74 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
75 made without competitive bids.

76         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
77 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
78 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
79 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
80 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
81 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
82 actions contrary to this provision.

83         **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
84 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
85 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
86 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
87 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
88 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

89         **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
90 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed from and after  
91 June 30, 2020.

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