

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2927**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

7           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees  
10 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and  
11 maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs  
12 authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of  
13 Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of  
14 Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020,  
15 and ending June 30, 2021.....\$       41,721,546.00.



16           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
17 necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from  
18 any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special  
19 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
20 for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan  
21 and grant programs authorized by law including funds used as  
22 federal matching funds for the GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship  
23 Program and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student  
24 Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student  
25 Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and  
26 ending June 30, 2021.....\$           1,336,001.00.

27           **SECTION 3.** None of the funds appropriated in this act shall  
28 be paid to or for the benefit of any student who applies for the  
29 first time, subsequent to July 1, 2020, for assistance through the  
30 Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan established under the provisions  
31 of Section 37-106-35, the Southeast Asia POW/MIA Grant established  
32 under the provisions of Section 37-106-41, the Public Management  
33 Graduate Internship established under the provisions of Section  
34 37-106-43, the State Medical Education Loan established under the  
35 provisions of Section 37-106-61, the State Dental Education Loan  
36 established under the provisions of Section 37-106-63, the  
37 Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan established under  
38 the provisions of Section 37-106-65, the Health Care Professions  
39 Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section  
40 37-106-67, or the Family Protection Specialist Social Worker



41 Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section  
42 37-106-69.

43       **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that of  
44 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the  
45 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall  
46 expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and  
47 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding  
48 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified  
49 applicants, for nine (9) new entering optometry students and the  
50 number of returning optometry students who received funding under  
51 the program during the preceding school year.

52       **SECTION 5.** In the allocation of funds appropriated under the  
53 provisions of Sections 1 and 2, among the student financial aid  
54 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature  
55 that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to  
56 all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of  
57 Section 37-106-39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

58       **SECTION 6.** All funds provided for in this act shall be  
59 accounted for in an annual report, which shall be submitted at the  
60 next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days after  
61 the convening thereof. The report should detail for each grant,  
62 scholarship, or loan program the number of recipients, the total  
63 amount of awards made, and the average award amount. The report  
64 shall include the number of students at each institution receiving  
65 financial assistance and the amount of such assistance. For loan



66 programs, the report shall also include a summary of the repayment  
67 status and method of repayment for student cohorts as well as an  
68 accounting of the receipt of funds in repayment. Furthermore, all  
69 funds received and expended shall be reported and otherwise  
70 accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section  
71 37-106-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, except where individual  
72 identifying information must be withheld pursuant to the Family  
73 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC Section 1232g  
74 34 CFR Part 99.

75 No public or private institution of higher learning receiving  
76 funds under the respective provisions of this act, for the purpose  
77 of issuing scholarship grants or loans, shall issue any official  
78 transcripts for any persons who have any amount of repayment in  
79 arrears on the date such official transcript is requested.

80 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
81 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to  
82 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
83 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
84 during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request process.

85 **SECTION 8.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
86 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
87 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
88 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

89 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



91 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
96 made without competitive bids.

97 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an  
98 amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is  
99 provided for the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness  
100 Program established under the provisions of Section 37-106-73,  
101 Mississippi Code of 1972, and administered by the Mississippi  
102 Office of Student Financial Aid.

103 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an  
104 amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
105 (\$1,500,000.00) is provided for the Teacher Education Scholars  
106 Program established under the provisions of Section 37-106-37,  
107 Mississippi Code of 1972, and administered by the Mississippi  
108 Office of Student Financial Aid.

109 **SECTION 12.** Awards for the Higher Education Legislative Plan  
110 Grant Program, authorized by Section 37-106-75, shall be made to  
111 applicants meeting all program requirements and found to be in  
112 financial need according to the following definition:

113 (a) The family has one (1) child under the age of  
114 twenty-one (21), and the annual adjusted gross income of the



115 family is less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
116 (\$39,500.00); or

117 (b) The family has annual adjusted gross income of less  
118 than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) plus  
119 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each additional child under  
120 the age of twenty-one (21).

121 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an  
122 amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
123 (\$550,000.00) is provided for the William F. Winter Teacher  
124 Forgivable Loan Program.

125 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no  
126 student should receive undergraduate grant aid through more than  
127 one state-supported undergraduate grant program in the same term  
128 of enrollment. If a student is eligible for aid through multiple  
129 grant programs, the student shall be awarded from the program that  
130 awards the larger sum.

131 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that all  
132 students must demonstrate eligibility at the conclusion of each  
133 term during the regular academic year in order to continue to  
134 receive state-supported aid.

135 **SECTION 16.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
136 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
137 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
138 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



139 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
140 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

141       **SECTION 17.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
142 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed from and after  
143 June 30, 2020.

