

**Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1723**

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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

5           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any  
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the  
8 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the purpose of  
9 defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.....  
11 .....\$       59,998,047.00.

12           **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
13 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14       **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	39
16		Part Time.....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
18		Part Time.....	0

19       Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
20 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
26 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall maintain  
27 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
28 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
29 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
30 maintained for Fiscal Year 2020. It is further the intention of  
31 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
32 2022 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
33 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
34 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request  
35 process.

36 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
37 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
38 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
39 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
40 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
41 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
42 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
43 made without competitive bids.

44 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated herein, One Hundred  
45 Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) is provided for salary

46 increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby  
47 pay.

48         **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
49 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
50 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
51 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
52 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
53 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
54 actions contrary to this provision.

55         **SECTION 7.** The money appropriated under the provisions of  
56 Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper  
57 person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

58         **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
59 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2020.

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Secretary of the Senate