

## **Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1800**

**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**

9           **SECTION 1.** (1) The following sum, or so much of it as may  
10 be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Mississippi  
11 Electric Cooperatives Broadband COVID-19 Grant Program Fund to the  
12 Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration for the  
13 purposes of the Mississippi Electric Cooperatives Broadband  
14 COVID-19 Grant Program, for the period beginning upon July 1,  
15 2020, and ending December 30, 2020, or to such later date as may  
16 be specified in the guidelines, guidance rules, regulations and/or  
17 other criteria of the United States Department of the Treasury  
18 regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund  
19 established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security  
20 Act, but not to a date later than June 30, 2021...\$ 65,000,000.00.

21           (2) The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary,  
22 is appropriated out of any money in the COVID-19 Broadband  
23 Provider Grant Program Fund to the Mississippi Department of  
24 Finance and Administration for the purposes of the COVID-19  
25 Broadband Provider Grant Program, for the period beginning upon  
26 July 1, 2020, and ending December 30, 2020, or to such later date

27 as may be specified in the guidelines, guidance, rules,  
28 regulations and/or other criteria of the United States Department  
29 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
30 Relief Fund established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
31 Economic Security Act, but not to a date later than June 30,  
32 2021.....\$ 10,000,000.00.

33       **SECTION 2.** The Mississippi Department of Finance and  
34 Administration shall not disburse any funds appropriated under  
35 this act to any recipient without first receiving from the  
36 Mississippi Public Utilities Staff records containing the  
37 following information: (a) making an individualized determination  
38 that the reimbursement sought is, in the Mississippi Public  
39 Utilities Staff's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
40 incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to  
41 COVID-19 as provided under Section 601(d) of the federal Social  
42 Security Act as added by Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus  
43 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and its  
44 implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other  
45 criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by  
46 the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining  
47 that the recipient has not received and will not receive  
48 reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of  
49 funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds  
50 provided under Section 601 of the federal Social Security Act as  
51 added by Section 5001 of the CARES Act.

52           **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
53 the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Finance  
54 and Administration under this act, the Mississippi Department of  
55 Finance and Administration shall require the Mississippi Public  
56 Utilities Staff to certify that each expenditure of the funds  
57 appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Finance and  
58 Administration under this act is in compliance with the  
59 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
60 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
61 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
62 Relief Fund established by the CARES Act.

63           (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
64 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
65 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
66 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the CARES Act (a)  
67 determines that the Mississippi Department of Finance and  
68 Administration has expended or otherwise used any of the funds  
69 appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Finance and  
70 Administration under this act for any purpose that is not in  
71 compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations  
72 and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the  
73 United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of  
74 monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the CARES  
75 Act, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the  
76 federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the  
77 Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used

78 improperly by the State of Mississippi, then the Mississippi  
79 Public Utilities Staff shall be required to pay the amount of  
80 those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the  
81 federal government.

82         **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
83 and after July 1, 2020.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1         AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC  
2 COOPERATIVES BROADBAND COVID-19 GRANT PROGRAM FUND AND THE  
3 COVID-19 BROADBAND PROVIDER GRANT PROGRAM FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE  
5 MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BROADBAND COVID-19 GRANT PROGRAM  
6 AND THE COVID-19 BROADBAND PROVIDER GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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Secretary of the Senate