

Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 1700

BY: Committee

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021,
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and



15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
16 Division.....\$ 113,895,968.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....
20\$ 71,630,741.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,
24 as provided in Section 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code
25 of 1972.....\$ 15,961,151.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 1,933,248,822.00.

29 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
30 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
31 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 9,244,407.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,143,981,089.00.

34 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
35 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special
36 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or
37 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following
38 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending
39 June 30, 2021, as follows:



40 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
41 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
42 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
43 Division.....\$ 902,791,576.00.

44 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
45 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
46 Division of the State Department of Education.....
47\$ 20,981,914.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
50 Program.....\$ 255,389,519.00.

51 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
52 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
53 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 2,158,848.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,181,321,857.00.

56 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
57 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars
58 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is
59 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
60 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of
61 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
62 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing
63 vision safety services.



SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for the following purposes:

Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....	\$	6,333,806.00.
Educable Child.....	\$	7,000,000.00.
Grants to school districts for capital facilities and buses.....	\$	16,000,000.00.
Instructional materials.....	\$	12,000,000.00.
Students with Special Needs.....	\$	1,800,000.00.
Implementing Performance Based Data Collection and Accreditation Model.....	\$	274,937.00.
Testing.....	\$	6,125,670.00.
Mississippi School for Math and Science.....	\$	125,000.00.
Mississippi School for Fine Arts.....	\$	125,000.00.
TOTAL.....	\$	49,784,413.00.

(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....

.....	\$	4,937,258.00.
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89 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
90 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
91\$ 235,389,519.00.

92 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
93 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
94 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 1,207,037.00.

95 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the
96 following positions are authorized for the State Department of
97 Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical
98 Education Division:

99 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

100	Permanent:	Full Time.....	362
101		Part Time.....	2
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	162
103		Part Time.....	0

104 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
105 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
106 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,
108 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
109 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
110 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
111 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
112 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
113 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the



114 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
115 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021
116 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
117 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
118 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
119 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
120 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
121 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"
122 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
123 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
124 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
125 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

126 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
127 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
128 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
129 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
130 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
131 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
132 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
133 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
134 appropriated level.

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



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

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2021
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,248
Gifted Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	805
Increase percentage of children with	
disabilities in general education early	
childhood programs while decreasing the	
percentage in self-contained special	
education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
General Administration	
Total Dollars Spent on General	



164	Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
165	Total Budget Spent on General	
166	Administration (%)	18.58
167	Create a public-facing data system for	
168	all stakeholders (%)	100.00
169	Create a user-friendly website for the	
170	public and school districts to access	
171	data to make decisions (%)	100.00
172	Create a roadmap to improve the	
173	Mississippi Student Information System	
174	(%)	100.00
175	Publish research results to support	
176	improved student outcomes and teacher	
177	effectiveness (Number of)	9
178	Graduation & Career Readiness	
179	Increase the percentage of students	
180	graduating from high school ready for	
181	college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
182	Early Childhood Education	
183	Increase percentage of kindergarten	
184	students achieving end-of-year target	
185	score on Kindergarten Readiness	
186	post-test (%)	68.88
187	Increase the percentage of Early	
188	Learning Collaborative sites meeting	



189	required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
190	Increase number of students enrolled in	
191	Title I or locally funded pre-K classes	
192	(Number of)	8,022
193	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
194	Increase the percentage of districts	
195	reporting Professional Growth System	
196	(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders	
197	(%)	79.00
198	Increase the number of licensed, diverse	
199	teachers and leaders (Number of)	46
200	Increase the percentage of teacher	
201	candidates passing licensure exams on	
202	the first attempt (%)	12.00
203	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
204	and non-certified teachers in schools	
205	that are High Poverty (%)	22.00
206	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
207	and non-certified teachers in schools	
208	that are High Minority (%)	2.00
209	Elementary Education	
210	Increase the percentage of students who	
211	pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at	
212	the first administration in each	
213	subgroup (%)	80.00



214	Secondary Education	
215	Increase the percentage of students	
216	participating in and passing Advanced	
217	Placement (AP), International	
218	Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams	
219	in each subgroup (%)	37.00
220	Increase the percentage of students	
221	ready for college as measured by meeting	
222	ACT benchmarks in each content area	
223	(public school class data, grade 11) (%)	11.00
224	Assessment & Development	
225	Increase the percentage of students	
226	proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide	
227	assessments (grades 3-8) and high	
228	school composite) in each subgroup (%)	50.07
229	Decrease the percentage of students	
230	scoring levels 1-3 on statewide	
231	assessments in each subgroup (%)	49.93
232	Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten	
233	students in public schools attaining	
234	kindergarten readiness on the pre-K	
235	end-of-year assessment (%)	72.00
236	School Performance	
237	Increase the percentage of schools rated	
238	"C" or higher (%)	77.00



239	Increase the percentage of districts	
240	rated "C" or higher (%)	72.90
241	Increase the percentage of students	
242	demonstrating growth on statewide ELA	
243	assessments in each subgroup (%)	65.63
244	Increase the percentage of students	
245	demonstrating growth on statewide Math	
246	assessments in each subgroup (%)	64.43
247	Increase the percentage of students	
248	participating in dual credit in each	
249	subgroup (%)	50.00
250	Increase the percentage of students	
251	passing dual credit in each subgroup (%)	98.00
252	Increase the growth of D and F districts	
253	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
254	letter grade and/or increasing the	
255	number of points within a letter grade	
256	(%)	76.00
257	Increase the growth of D and F schools	
258	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
259	letter grade and/or increasing the	
260	number of points within a letter grade	
261	(%)	70.00
262	Increase the growth of Districts of	
263	Transformation by improving the letter	



264 grade and/or increasing the number of
 265 points within a letter grade (%) 100.00
 266 Increase the growth of schools under
 267 Districts of Transformation by improving
 268 the letter grade and/or increasing the
 269 number of points within a letter grade
 270 (%) 100.00
 271 Decrease the number of high schools
 272 rated D or F (Number of) 55
 273 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 274 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 275 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 276 Committee for Fiscal Year 2022.
 277 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,
 278 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
 279 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
 280 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
 281 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
 282 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
 283 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
 284 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."
 285 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
 286 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
 287 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
 288 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,



excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	49
	Part Time.....	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
	Part Time.....	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to



314 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
315 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
316 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
317 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021
318 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
319 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
320 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
321 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
322 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
323 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"
324 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
325 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
326 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
327 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

328 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
329 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
330 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
331 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
332 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
333 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
334 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
335 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
336 appropriated level.

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



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

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

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of vocational and technical education programs as authorized in Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 14. The State Department of Education shall transfer the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall



364 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
365 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
366 improper expenditure, for the following:

367	Detention Centers.....	\$ 900,000.00.
368	Dubard School.....	\$ 575,000.00.
369	Dyslexia Program.....	\$ 225,000.00.
370	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$ 800,000.00.
371	Stride.....	\$ 600,000.00.
372	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$ 800,000.00.
373	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 550,000.00.
374	Mississippi Arts Commission - Arts Institute.....	\$ 40,000.00.
375	Mississippi Autism.....	\$ 160,000.00.
376	Mississippi Symphony.....	\$ 50,000.00.
377	New Learning Resource, Inc.....	\$ 200,000.00.
378	Principal Corp.....	\$ 400,000.00.
379	Sight Savers.....	\$ 341,178.00.
380	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,800,000.00.
381	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 200,000.00.
382	USM-Autism Program.....	\$ 40,000.00.
383	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$ 574,032.00.
384	Very Special Arts Program.....	\$ 40,000.00.
385	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 225,000.00.
386	Univ of Miss - Willie Price Lab School.....	\$ 200,000.00.
387	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 700,000.00.
388	Save the Children.....	\$ 75,000.00.



389	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$	112,500.00.
390	Microsoft IT Academy.....	\$	250,000.00.
391	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$	150,000.00.
392	CampusKnot.....	\$	75,000.00.
393	Drop-out Prevention Vicksburg - Leader in me.....	\$	75,000.00.
394	Mastery Prep.....	\$	75,000.00.
395	Total.....	\$	10,232,710.00.

396 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
397 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
398 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
399 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
400 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
401 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
402 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.
403 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
404 College and Career Standards.

405 Of the funds appropriated in this Section, an amount not to
406 exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) shall be used for a
407 certification pilot program for agriculture. Of the funds
408 appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed Three
409 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be distributed to the
410 Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used
411 for computer science programs development and teacher training for
412 elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the
413 purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including



both academic and career and technical education programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career Standards.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 17. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year 2021 shall be Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars and Thirty-five Cents (\$5,829.35).

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



439 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
440 the Deaf:

441 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

442	Permanent:	Full Time.....	181
443		Part Time.....	18
444	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
445		Part Time.....	0

446 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
447 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
448 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
449 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,
450 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year
451 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data
452 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel
453 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to
454 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the
455 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
456 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
457 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021
458 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the
459 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at
460 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
461 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
462 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
463 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"



464 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
465 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
466 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
467 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

468 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
469 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
470 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
471 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
472 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
473 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
474 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
475 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
476 appropriated level.

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

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

485 **SECTION 19.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
486 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
487 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the



Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2020. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers seeking National Board Certification.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child



513 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
514 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state
515 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
516 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts
517 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the
518 Office of the Governor.

519 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
520 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
521 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.
522 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship
523 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department
524 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

525 **SECTION 24.** The public school districts of the state are
526 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
527 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
528 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
529 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
530 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
531 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
532 this purpose.

533 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
534 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
535 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
536 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
537 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



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

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

SECTION 28. The State Department of Education shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding



of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2021.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

SECTION 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

SECTION 31. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

SECTION 32. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of providing funds to school districts through the Emergency Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending



June 30, 2021. The school districts receiving these loans shall repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the loan on or before June 30, 2021.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Twenty-four Million Nine Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred One Dollars (\$24,992,201.00) shall be used for the School Recognition Program authorized by Section 37-19-10, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the Board of Health no later than December 31, 2020.

SECTION 35. Any school district receiving funds through Save the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of the program.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%) may be used for training and administrative costs related to oversight and auditing of the program.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Six Million Six Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$6,699,517.00) is provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. Of the funds provided herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that no new funds may be expended



to defray the costs of any pre-kindergarten program that has not been determined by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review to be evidence-based or research-based programs as those terms are defined by Section 27-103-159(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$94,500.00) shall be used for the Mississippi Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Five Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,584,411.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,727,470.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this Act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.



637 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and
638 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is
639 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
640 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
641 1972.

642 **SECTION 42.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
643 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
644 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
645 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
646 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
647 officers in the manner provided by law.

648 **SECTION 43.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
649 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year
650 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),
651 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of
652 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

653 **SECTION 44.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
654 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2020.

