

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1724**

**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 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
9 to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of the Public  
10 Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the  
11 administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of the Public  
12 Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building Account  
14 of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of  
15 maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System



16 Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
17 June 30, 2021.....\$ 18,147,461.00.

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

20 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21	Permanent:	Full Time.....	168
22		Part Time.....	0
23	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
24		Part Time.....	0

25 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
26 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
27 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not  
28 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
29 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
30 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
31 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
32 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
33 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
34 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
35 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
36 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021  
37 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the  
38 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
39 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
40 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency



41 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
42 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"  
43 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
44 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
45 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
46 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

47 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
48 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
49 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
50 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
51 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
52 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
53 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
54 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
55 appropriated level.

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

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

64 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
65 Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall



66 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
67 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
68 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
69 maintained for Fiscal Year 2020. It is further the intention of  
70 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
71 2022 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
72 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
73 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request  
74 process.

75         **SECTION 4.** In accordance with the purposes of this article,  
76 there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public  
77 Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund,  
78 into which shall be deposited all funds collected as rental income  
79 from the building owned by the system located at 301 North  
80 President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. At the end of each fiscal  
81 year, any and all unexpended funds shall be transferred to the  
82 Administrative Budget Fund of the system.

83         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
84 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
85 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
86 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
87 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
88 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
89 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
90 made without competitive bids.



91           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more  
92 than Three Million Six Hundred Forty-six Thousand Five Hundred  
93 Dollars (\$3,646,500.00) is provided for the purpose of defraying  
94 those expenses associated with the replacement computer system.

95           **SECTION 7.** The Public Employees' Retirement System is  
96 further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the  
97 purchase of service pins for employees of the Public Employees'  
98 Retirement System.

99           **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more  
100 than Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
101 (\$280,500.00) is provided, only for the explicit purpose of  
102 building maintenance and repair.

103           **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
104 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
105 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
106 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
107 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
108 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
109 actions contrary to this provision.

110           **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
111 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
112 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
113 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
114 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
115 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



116           **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
117 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2020.

