

By: Representative Summers

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 744

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO
3 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL BEDS AVAILABLE STATEWIDE FOR
4 THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Mental
9 Health for the purpose of funding an increased number of
10 residential psychiatric and/or chemical dependency beds for the
11 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
12 \$ 2,000,000.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be in
14 addition to the funds provided to the State Department of Mental
15 Health in the annual appropriation to the department for fiscal
16 year 2022, for the purpose of increasing the services described in
17 Section 1 above the level provided during the fiscal year 2021.

18 **SECTION 3.** The money directed to be appropriated by this act
19 shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State



20 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by
21 the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue
22 the warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
23 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2021.

