

By: Representative Summers

To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 745

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED  
3 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS  
4 IMMEDIATE INCREASED NEEDS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE  
5 FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The following sum, or so much of it as may  
8 be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department  
10 of Education for the purpose of providing funding for specialized  
11 instructional support personnel positions for the fiscal year  
12 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....  
13 ..... \$ 2,000,000.00.

14 (2) The money appropriated by this act shall be in addition  
15 to the funds provided to the State Department of Education in the  
16 annual appropriation to the department for fiscal year 2022, for  
17 the purpose of funding, above the level provided during the fiscal  
18 year 2021, additional specialized instructional support personnel  
19 positions, including school psychologists, guidance counselors,



20 social workers and nurses, in the school districts to address the  
21 immediate increased need for services to students and their  
22 families and school district personnel due to the COVID-19  
23 pandemic.

24 (3) The State Board of Education shall allocate funds  
25 appropriated under this act to the school districts according to a  
26 formula developed by the board which provides for the equitable  
27 provision of additional services according to factors including,  
28 but not limited to, average daily attendance, currently existing  
29 availability of such services, and demonstrable need for  
30 additional support, with consideration given to school districts'  
31 instruction being delivered in person, virtually or through a  
32 hybrid model.

33 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
34 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to  
35 the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act,  
36 upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State  
37 Fiscal Officer shall issue the warrants upon requisitions signed  
38 by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided  
39 by law.

40 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
41 and after July 1, 2021.

