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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1387

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL
4 YEAR 2022.

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

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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022,
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.....\$ 89,673,847.00.

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\$ 73,546,001.00.

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 Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi
25 Code of 1972.....\$ 19,576,109.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,040,893,747.00.

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.....\$ 7,505,480.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,231,195,184.00.

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, 2021, and ending
39 June 30, 2022, 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.....\$ 899,918,151.00.



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.....\$ 245,112,197.00.

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.....\$ 1,168,171,110.00.

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.

64 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
65 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are
66 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
67 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
68 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:



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

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

86 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
87 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
88\$ 4,937,258.00.

89 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
90 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
91\$ 225,112,197.00.



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.....	305
101		Part Time.....	3
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	149
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 2023 do not
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
108 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022
109 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
110 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
111 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
112 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
113 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
114 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
115 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
116 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If



117 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or
118 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and
119 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each
120 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of
121 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
122 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the
123 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
124 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
125 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
126 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations
127 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
128 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
129 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
130 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
131 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
132 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
133 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
134 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
135 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
136 requirements of this provision are met.

137 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
138 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
139 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
140 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
141 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The



142 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
143 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
144 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
145 appropriated level.

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

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

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

	FY2022
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,188



167	Gifted Education teachers (Number of)	805
168	Increase percentage of children with	
169	disabilities in general education early	
170	childhood programs while decreasing the	
171	percentage in self-contained special	
172	education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
173	General Administration	
174	Total Dollars Spent on General	
175	Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
176	Total Budget Spent on General	
177	Administration (%)	18.58
178	Create a public-facing data system for	
179	all stakeholders (%)	100.00
180	Create a user-friendly website for the	
181	public and school districts to access	
182	data to make decisions (%)	100.00
183	Create a roadmap to improve the	
184	Mississippi Student Information System	
185	(%)	100.00
186	Publish research results to support	
187	improved student outcomes and teacher	
188	effectiveness (Number of)	9
189	Graduation & Career Readiness	
190	Increase the percentage of students	
191	graduating from high school ready for	



192	college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
193	Early Childhood Education	
194	Increase percentage of kindergarten	
195	students achieving end-of-year target	
196	score on Kindergarten Readiness	
197	post-test (%)	68.88
198	Increase the percentage of Early	
199	Learning Collaborative sites meeting	
200	required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
201	Increase number of students enrolled in	
202	Title I or locally funded pre-K classes	
203	(Number of)	8,022
204	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
205	Increase the percentage of districts	
206	reporting Professional Growth System	
207	(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders	
208	(%)	80.00
209	Increase the number of licensed, diverse	
210	teachers and leaders (Number of)	31
211	Increase the percentage of teacher	
212	candidates passing licensure exams on	
213	the first attempt (%)	51.08
214	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
215	and non-certified teachers in schools	
216	that are High Poverty (%)	25.00



217	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
218	and non-certified teachers in schools	
219	that are High Minority (%)	24.00
220	Elementary Education	
221	Increase the percentage of students who	
222	pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at	
223	the first administration in each	
224	subgroup (%)	80.00
225	Secondary Education	
226	Increase the number of students	
227	participating in and passing Advanced	
228	Placement (AP), International	
229	Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams	
230	in each subgroup (Number of)	37.00
231	Increase the percentage of students	
232	ready for college as measured by meeting	
233	ACT benchmarks in each content area	
234	(public school class data, grade 11)	
235	(Number of)	11.00
236	Assessment & Development	
237	Increase the percentage of students	
238	proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide	
239	assessments (grades 3-8 and high school	
240	composite) in each subgroup	50.07
241	Decrease the percentage of students	



242	scoring levels 1-3 on statewide	
243	assessments in each subgroup	49.93
244	Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten	
245	students in public schools attaining	
246	kindergarten readiness on the pre-K	
247	end-of-year assessment	72.00
248	School Performance	
249	Increase the percentage of schools rated	
250	"C" or higher	77.00
251	Increase the percentage of districts	
252	rated "C" or higher	72.90
253	Increase the percentage of students	
254	demonstrating growth on statewide ELA	
255	assessments in each subgroup	65.63
256	Increase the percentage of students	
257	demonstrating growth on statewide Math	
258	assessments in each subgroup	64.43
259	Increase the percentage of students	
260	participating in dual credit in each	
261	subgroup	50.00
262	Increase the percentage of students	
263	passing dual credit in each subgroup	98.00
264	Increase the growth of D and F districts	
265	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
266	letter grade and/or increasing the	



267 number of points within a letter grade 76.00
 268 Increase the growth of D and F schools
 269 demonstrating growth, by improving the
 270 letter grade and/or increasing the
 271 number of points within a letter grade 70.00
 272 Increase the growth of Districts of
 273 Transformation by improving the letter
 274 grade and/or increasing the number of
 275 points within a letter grade 100.00
 276 Increase the growth of schools under
 277 Districts of Transformation by improving
 278 the letter grade and/or increasing the
 279 number of points within a letter grade 100.00
 280 Decrease the number of high schools
 281 rated D or F 55
 282 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 283 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 284 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 285 Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.
 286 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,
 287 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
 288 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
 289 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
 290 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
 291 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$ _____ less as



292 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
293 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

294 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
295 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
296 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
297 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
298 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
299 Division.

300 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
301 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
302 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
303 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
304 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
305 the School for Math and Science.

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

310 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

311	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
312		Part Time.....	0
313	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
314		Part Time.....	0

315 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
316 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be



317 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not
318 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
319 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022
320 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
321 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
322 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
323 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
324 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
325 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
326 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
327 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If
328 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or
329 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and
330 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each
331 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of
332 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
333 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the
334 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
335 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
336 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
337 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations
338 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
339 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
340 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
341 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action



342 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
343 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
344 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
345 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
346 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
347 requirements of this provision are met.

348 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
349 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
350 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
351 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
352 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
353 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
354 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
355 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
356 appropriated level.

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

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

365 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
366 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred



367 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
368 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
369 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
370 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

371 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
372 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
373 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
374 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
375 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
376 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
377 soil conservation equipment.

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

382 **SECTION 14.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
383 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
384 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
385 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
386 improper expenditure, for the following:

387 Detention Centers.....	\$	900,000.00.
388 Dubard School.....	\$	575,000.00.
389 Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00.
390 Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	700,000.00.
391 Stride.....	\$	600,000.00.



392	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$ 800,000.00.
393	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 500,000.00.
394	Principal Corp.....	\$ 300,000.00.
395	Sight Savers.....	\$ 300,000.00.
396	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,500,000.00.
397	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 100,000.00.
398	USM-Autism Program.....	\$ 40,000.00.
399	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$ 574,032.00.
400	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 225,000.00.
401	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 725,000.00.
402	Save the Children.....	\$ 100,000.00.
403	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$ 112,500.00.
404	Microsoft IT Academy.....	\$ 200,000.00.
405	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$ 175,000.00.
406	CampusKnot.....	\$ 75,000.00.
407	Mastery Prep.....	\$ 100,000.00.
408	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.....	\$ 200,000.00.
409	Total.....	\$ 9,026,532.00.

410 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
411 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
412 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
413 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
414 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
415 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
416 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.



417 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
418 College and Career Standards.

419 Of the funds appropriated in this Section, an amount not to
420 exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) shall be used for a
421 certification pilot program for agriculture. Of the funds
422 appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed Three
423 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be distributed to the
424 Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used
425 for computer science programs development and teacher training for
426 elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the
427 purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including
428 both academic and career and technical education programs,
429 developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the
430 State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in
431 the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer
432 science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi
433 Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career
434 Standards.

435 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
436 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
437 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
438 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
439 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
440 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
441 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of



442 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
443 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
444 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
445 Year 1985.

446 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
447 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
448 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
449 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2022 shall be Five Thousand Eight
450 Hundred Seventy-four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$5,874.08).

451 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
452 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
453 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
454 the Deaf:

455 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

456	Permanent:	Full Time.....	124
457		Part Time.....	13
458	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
459		Part Time.....	0

460 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
461 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
462 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not
463 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
464 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022
465 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
466 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall



467 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
468 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
469 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
470 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
471 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
472 award salary increases through reallocation, or realignment. If
473 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or
474 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and
475 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each
476 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of
477 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
478 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the
479 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
480 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
481 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
482 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations
483 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
484 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
485 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
486 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
487 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
488 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
489 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
490 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be



491 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
492 requirements of this provision are met.

493 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
494 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
495 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
496 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
497 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
498 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
499 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
500 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
501 appropriated level.

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

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

510 **SECTION 19.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
511 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
512 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
513 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
514 increment.



515 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
516 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
517 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
518 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
519 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
520 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
521 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the
522 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
523 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
524 Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and
525 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

526 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the
527 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million
528 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for
529 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Five Hundred Fifty
530 Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) shall be used for the World Class
531 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers
532 seeking National Board Certification.

533 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
534 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
535 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
536 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
537 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child
538 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
539 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state



540 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
541 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts
542 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the
543 Office of the Governor.

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

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

558 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
559 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
560 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
561 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
562 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
563 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



564 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
565 made without competitive bids.

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

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

577 **SECTION 28.** The State Department of Education shall contract
578 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
579 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
580 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
581 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
582 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
583 calculating the estimates of these components due to the
584 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
585 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
586 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding
587 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
588 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2021.



589 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
590 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
591 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
592 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

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

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

605 **SECTION 32.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
606 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
607 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
608 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
609 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
610 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
611 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
612 June 30, 2022. The school districts receiving these loans shall



613 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
614 loan on or before June 30, 2022.

615 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
616 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
617 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2021.

618 **SECTION 34.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
619 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
620 local funds for implementation of the program.

621 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
622 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
623 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
624 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)
625 may be used for training and administrative costs related to
626 oversight and auditing of the program.

627 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
628 Million Seven Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Four Hundred
629 Seventy-Four Dollars (\$7,789,474.00) is provided for an Early
630 Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be
631 provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2022 as
632 follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
633 (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One
634 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a
635 half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section
636 37-21-51.



637 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
638 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred
639 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative
640 and Assessment.

641 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
642 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
643 of the state accountability model.

644 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
645 Million Five Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Eleven
646 Dollars (\$2,584,411.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School
647 of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand
648 Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,727,470.00) shall be used for the
649 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the
650 intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in
651 Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million
652 Two Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars
653 (\$1,292,206.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10,
654 2021, and One Million Two Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred
655 Five Dollars (\$1,292,205.00) shall be paid no later than January
656 10, 2022. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the
657 Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each
658 month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received
659 by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the
660 Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the
661 appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi



662 School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
663 Science.

664 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and
665 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is
666 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
667 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
668 1972.

669 **SECTION 41.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
670 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
671 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
672 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
673 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
674 officers in the manner provided by law.

675 **SECTION 42.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
676 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year
677 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),
678 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of
679 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

680 **SECTION 43.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
681 and after July 1, 2021, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2021.

