

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Parks, DeBar,
Simmons (13th), Williams

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2907
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY
3 EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and
8 maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry
9 Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and
10 ending June 30, 2022 \$ 21,740,924.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi
15 Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....
17 \$ 10,355,234.00.



18 **SECTION 3.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
19 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
20 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
21 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

22 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if
23 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
24 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
25 research grants or donations, such special source funds not
26 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and
27 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the
28 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special
29 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2022
30 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

31 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
32 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to
33 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
34 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
35 during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

36 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
37 Million Two Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Five Hundred
38 Seventy-eight Dollars (\$1,235,578.00) shall be derived from the
39 Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to
40 Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

41 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
42 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of



43 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
44 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
45 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
46 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
47 performance measures provided below:

48		FY2022
49	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>

50 Plant Systems

51	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	52.35
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52	Research Publications (Publications)	268
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53	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds	
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54	(Ratio)	1.12
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55 Animal Systems

56	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	29.15
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57	Research Publications (Publications)	262
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58	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds	
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59	(Ratio)	0.29
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60 Health & Sustainable Communities

61	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	43.83
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62	Research Publications (Publications)	337
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63	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds	
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64	(Ratio)	0.26
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65 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
66 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the



agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for operational expenditures.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 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 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.



91 **SECTION 11.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
92 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
93 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
94 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
95 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
96 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.
97 **SECTION 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
98 and after July 1, 2021.

