

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

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2908
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR
3 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 Cooperative Extension Service for
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
10 June 30, 2022 \$ 29,796,866.00.

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 Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning
16 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 14,247,456.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
18 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds



19 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
20 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

21 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
22 Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the
23 emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education,
24 Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community
25 Development in each county.

26 **SECTION 5.** No part of the funds appropriated or authorized
27 to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for
28 payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who
29 was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service
30 pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of
31 State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such
32 legal services.

33 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
34 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to
35 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
36 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
37 during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

38 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if
39 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
40 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
41 research grants or donations, such special source funds not
42 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and
43 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the



44 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special
45 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2022
46 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

47 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
48 Million Forty-five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five Dollars
49 (\$1,045,245.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement
50 Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
51 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

52 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
53 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
54 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
55 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
56 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
57 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
58 performance measures provided below:

	FY2022
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Agriculture	
Published Information (Items)	300
Mass Media (Items)	4,500
Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	270,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	13.46
Family & Consumer Education	
Published Information (items)	150
Direct Educational Contacts (persons)	205,000



69	Average Cost per Educational Contact	9.34
70	Business & Community Dev	
71	Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	88,000
72	Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
73	4-H Youth Development	
74	Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	178,000
75	Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
76	Natural Resources & Environment	
77	Published Information (Items)	150
78	Mass Media (Items)	6,000
79	Total Contacts (Persons across all	
80	Delivery Methods/Events)	370,000
81	Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75
82	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
83	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
84	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
85	Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.	

86 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
87 of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much
88 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
89 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
90 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
91 determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided
92 for operational expenditures.



93 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
94 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
95 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
96 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
97 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
98 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
99 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
100 made without competitive bids.

101 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
102 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
103 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
104 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
105 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
106 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
107 actions contrary to this provision.

108 **SECTION 13.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
109 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
110 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
111 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
112 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
113 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

114 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
115 and after July 1, 2021.

