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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2912
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER 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 purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
10 June 30, 2022 \$ 160,924,339.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....
18 \$ 1,661,705,977.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for
20 expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the
21 University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School
22 of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the
23 School of Health Related Professions, the School of Population
24 Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area.
25 The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and
26 make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures
27 for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning
28 of the legislative session.

29 **SECTION 4.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it
30 is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of
31 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting
32 qualified registered nurses.

33 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the
34 funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to
35 provide medical services on behalf of any state agency,
36 institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that
37 such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the
38 hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the
39 rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or
40 political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the
41 charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event
42 that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital
43 shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution



or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been paid.

SECTION 6. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Of the funds authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Six Million Eight Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand Twenty-nine Dollars (\$6,888,029.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the sum of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars



69 (\$315,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural
70 Dentists Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 776, 2013
71 Regular Session.

72 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
73 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
74 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
75 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
76 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
77 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
78 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
79 made without competitive bids.

80 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
81 Section 2, One Million Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars
82 (\$1,830,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural
83 Physicians' Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 1465,
84 2007 Regular Session. Of this amount, Thirty Thousand Dollars
85 (\$30,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as
86 described in Senate Bill 2524, 2019 Regular Session.

87 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
88 of Sections 1 and 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
89 (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and
90 Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00)
91 shall be derived from any special source funds collected by or
92 otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the



University of Mississippi Medical Center for the University of
Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five
Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby
appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at the
University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
Section 2, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two
Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is provided for the Office
of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in House Bill 317,
2012 Regular Session.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized
for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that
kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
of Section 1, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine
Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall be provided
from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of
Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the
care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve,
enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's
Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.

SECTION 18. 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.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the Rural Physicians' Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists' Scholarship Program.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$1,260,369.00), 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. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for replacement, repair, renovation, and modernization of the UMMC grounds and infrastructure.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Five



Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,681,530.00), 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 the Asylum Hill Project.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that any cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of those divisions.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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

