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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2914
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
3 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 aid and support
8 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....
10 \$ 146,581,405.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
13 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
14 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise
15 appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and
16 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and
17 ending June 30, 2022 \$ 49,884,946.00.



43 reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay
44 purposes.

45 Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) shared hosted
46 and provided courses may qualify for incentive funding on the
47 basis of the prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of MSVCC
48 shared hours generated during the summer, fall and spring
49 semesters. In addition, all provider MSVCC semester credit hours
50 will be included in either the academic, technical or career
51 sections of the formula at a weight of one (1.0).

52 The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or
53 his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college
54 and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall
55 certify the number to the Mississippi Community College Board.

56 If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at
57 the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate
58 in this appropriation, as provided for in this section, the
59 Mississippi Community College Board shall find and determine that
60 any such public or community junior college does not have
61 sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of
62 its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2021, until
63 distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that
64 event, the Mississippi Community College Board is expressly
65 authorized to make an advance to any such public community or
66 junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds
67 for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided,



68 however, that the amount of any such advance to any one (1) public
69 community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent
70 (33%) of the amount of state-appropriated funds received by such
71 public community or junior college during the preceding fiscal
72 year; and provided, further, that the amount of any such advance
73 shall be deducted from the pro rata part of the funds appropriated
74 hereby accruing to said public community or junior college when
75 enrollment has been ascertained and distribution of funds is made.

76 **SECTION 4.** No part of the amount herein appropriated shall
77 be used by the Mississippi Community College Board for
78 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the
79 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the
80 expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

81 **SECTION 5.** The funds disbursed under the provisions of this
82 act shall be accounted for through the Mississippi Community
83 College Board.

84 **SECTION 6.** The following public community and junior
85 colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by
86 Sections 1 and 2 of this act:

87 Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,
88 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community
89 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community
90 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,
91 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,
92 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast



93 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community
94 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi
95 Community College.

96 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
97 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the
98 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any
99 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a
100 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

101 **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
102 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
103 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public
104 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,
105 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for
106 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
107 June 30, 2022 \$ 25,475,460.00.

108 The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to
109 participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health
110 Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are
111 not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for
112 the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

113 **SECTION 9.** In addition to funds appropriated in Section 8,
114 the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
115 hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover
116 Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health
117 insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health



118 Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college
119 employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
120 June 30, 2022 \$ 400,000.00.

121 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
122 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
123 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
124 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
125 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the
126 expenses of the public community and junior colleges, acting
127 through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
128 Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
129 June 30, 2022..... \$ 8,000,000.00.

130 This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the
131 funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for
132 construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the public
133 community and junior colleges as allocated herein:

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| 134 | Coahoma Community College | \$ 249,272.00. |
| 135 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College | \$ 365,103.00. |
| 136 | East Central Community College | \$ 271,878.00. |
| 137 | East Mississippi Community College | \$ 432,041.00. |
| 138 | Hinds Community College | \$ 1,313,066.00. |
| 139 | Holmes Community College | \$ 576,171.00. |
| 140 | Itawamba Community College | \$ 612,183.00. |
| 141 | Jones Junior College | \$ 555,906.00. |
| 142 | Meridian Community College | \$ 351,157.00. |



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| 143 | Mississippi Delta Community College..... | \$ 323,680.00. |
| 144 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College..... | \$ 992,562.00. |
| 145 | Northeast Mississippi Community College..... | \$ 436,876.00. |
| 146 | Northwest Mississippi Community College..... | \$ 707,581.00. |
| 147 | Pearl River Community College..... | \$ 552,006.00. |
| 148 | Southwest Mississippi Community College..... | \$ 260,518.00. |

149 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
150 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
151 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
152 Workforce and Economic Development Support, including the
153 operation of the Workforce Development Centers and Advanced
154 Training Centers, providing start-up costs for new career and
155 technical programs, and providing the necessary funding to replace
156 outdated and obsolete equipment for existing career and technical
157 programs at each of the public community and junior colleges for
158 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
159 June 30, 2022 \$ 6,750,000.00.

160 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
161 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
162 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
163 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
164 Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community and
165 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and
166 ending June 30, 2022 \$ 179,050.00.



167 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
168 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
169 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
170 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
171 the Education Technology Program at the public community and
172 junior colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board for
173 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
174 June 30, 2022 \$ 7,099,160.00.

175 **SECTION 14.** A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition
176 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi
177 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation
178 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of
179 enrollment, as set out in Section 37-155-5(d)(iii), Mississippi
180 Code of 1972.

181 **SECTION 15.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
182 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
183 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
184 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
185 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
186 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
187 performance measures provided below:

| | FY2022 |
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| <u>Performance Measures</u> | <u>Target</u> |
| 190 Instruction | |
| 191 Number of Total Degrees Awarded per 100 | |



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| 192 | FTE Enrollment (%) | 31.29 |
| 193 | Number of Associate Degrees Awarded per | |
| 194 | 100 FTE Enrollment (%) | 17.11 |
| 195 | Number of Associate of Applied Science | |
| 196 | Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment | |
| 197 | (%) | 7.00 |
| 198 | Number of Certificates Awarded per 100 | |
| 199 | FTE Enrollment (%) | 9.50 |
| 200 | Percentage of First-Time Entering, | |
| 201 | Part-time degree-seeking students | |
| 202 | (fall) who earned 24 credit hours by the | |
| 203 | end of year two (%) | 18.50 |
| 204 | Percentage of First-Time Entering, | |
| 205 | Full-time degree-seeking students (fall) | |
| 206 | who earned 42 credit hours by the end | |
| 207 | of year two (%) | 46.82 |
| 208 | Percentage of Associate Degree Nursing | |
| 209 | and Practical Nursing Licensure Exam | |
| 210 | Pass Rates (%) | 42.51 |
| 211 | Percentage of Total Student Success, | |
| 212 | which includes Graduates, Transfers, and | |
| 213 | Retention (those still enrolled) (%) | 60.78 |
| 214 | Percentage of Graduates (%) | 33.50 |
| 215 | Percentage of Transfers (%) | 20.78 |
| 216 | Percentage of Retention (%) | 8.34 |



217 Percentage of Students Enrolled in
 218 Career/Technical and Health Science
 219 Graduates (%) 23.50
 220 Percentage of In-State Job Placements of
 221 Career/Technical and Health Science
 222 Graduates (%) 90.10
 223 Percentage of developmental English
 224 Students (unduplicated headcount) who
 225 enrolled in English Composition I who
 226 successfully completed English
 227 Composition I during the academic year
 228 (%) 70.00
 229 Percentage of developmental Math
 230 students (unduplicated headcount) who
 231 enrolled in College Algebra who
 232 successfully completed College Algebra
 233 during the academic year (%) 68.00
 234 Number of High School Equivalencies awarded 2,320
 235 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 236 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 237 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 238 Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.
 239 **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 240 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
 241 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi



242 Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of
243 the Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health Programs, for the
244 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
245 \$ 2,556,922.00.

246 **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
247 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
248 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
249 continuing the dropout recovery initiative based on a successful
250 program administered through the adult basic education program
251 with the Mississippi Community College Board and to enroll
252 low-skill adults in career pathways that combine high school
253 equivalency, skills training and workforce credentials in an
254 intensive program that produces adults who can compete for jobs
255 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
256 2022 \$ 3,000,000.00.

257 Of the funds provided in this section, one-half (1/2) shall
258 be allocated equally and the remaining one-half (1/2) shall be
259 allocated on the basis of the prior year headcount enrollment in
260 Adult Education, MIBEST or other career pathway programs.

261 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and
262 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget
263 Office a comprehensive report on the number of dropouts that have
264 enrolled in a High School Equivalency and/or career program for
265 each community and junior college during Fiscal Year 2021 on, or
266 before, August 1, 2022.



267 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
268 of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain
269 utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such
270 utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane,
271 cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined,
272 the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance
273 with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall
274 include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not
275 include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities
276 shall be prohibited.

277 **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
278 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
279 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
280 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
281 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
282 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
283 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
284 made without competitive bids.

285 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
286 support of community and junior colleges shall maintain complete
287 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
288 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
289 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
290 Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
291 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be



292 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
293 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
294 provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

295 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five
296 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is provided for the Career and
297 Technical Advantage Program which will provide start-up costs for
298 new career and technical programs, expansion of existing career
299 and technical programs, and infrastructure for career and
300 technical program equipment, lab upgrades, and renovations to
301 sustain the programs at public community colleges. Fifteen
302 percent (15%) of the funds appropriated in this section shall be
303 distributed evenly to each community college and the remaining
304 eighty-five percent (85%) of the funds shall be distributed on the
305 basis of prior year career and technical full-time equivalency
306 (FTE) hours generated during the summer, fall, and spring
307 semesters for each public community college.

308 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
309 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
310 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
311 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
312 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
313 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
314 actions contrary to this provision.

315 **SECTION 23.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
316 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



317 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
318 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
319 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
320 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

321 **SECTION 24.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
322 and after July 1, 2021.

