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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2918  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR  
3 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 general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi  
9 National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and  
10 ending June 30, 2022 ..... \$ 7,997,192.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National  
13 Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the  
14 Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws  
15 of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No.  
16 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air  
17 National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying  
18 out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state



19 agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
20 June 30, 2022 ..... \$ 152,899,498.00.

21 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
22 this act, the following positions are authorized:

23 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

24	Permanent:	Full Time .....	886
25		Part Time .....	0
26	Time-Limited:	Full Time .....	27
27		Part Time .....	0

28 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
29 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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33 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

34 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
35 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to  
36 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
37 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
38 during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

39 **SECTION 5.** All funds authorized to be expended herein shall  
40 be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the  
41 provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.  
42 If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby  
43 expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein



44 appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest  
45 rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such  
46 investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested  
47 in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the  
48 United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county  
49 or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal  
50 bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have  
51 been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said  
52 bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall  
53 mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested  
54 will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

55       **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One  
56 Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seventy-five Dollars  
57 (\$1,928,075.00) shall be provided for the support of the Youth  
58 Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

59       **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of  
60 this act, Six Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Five  
61 Dollars (\$626,505.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military  
62 Museum located at Camp Shelby.

63       **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this  
64 act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and  
65 personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs  
66 associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of  
67 funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and  
68 members for per diems and travel expenses shall be expended from



69 any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi  
70 National Guard for ancillary purposes.

71       **SECTION 9.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of  
72 this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars  
73 (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for  
74 America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

75       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2, Ten  
76 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the purchase of  
77 uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

78       **SECTION 11.** The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby  
79 authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including  
80 general funds, to special funds, within the Mississippi Military  
81 Department, to facilitate federal grant matching requirements.  
82 Prior written notification of transfer shall be provided to the  
83 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and  
84 Administration.

85       **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
86 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
87 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
88 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
89 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
90 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
91 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
92 made without competitive bids.



93           **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
94 of Section 2, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00), or so  
95 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State  
96 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in  
97 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a  
98 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This  
99 appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds  
100 necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for repairs and  
101 renovation of the physical facilities of the Mississippi National  
102 Guard.

103           **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
104 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
105 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
106 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
107 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
108 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
109 actions contrary to this provision.

110           **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
111 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
112 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
113 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
114 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
115 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

116           **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
117 and after July 1, 2021.

