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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2921  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE  
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE 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 Commission on Judicial Performance  
9 of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
10 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 ..... \$ 614,855.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Judicial Performance,  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on  
15 Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal  
16 year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....  
17 .....\$ 40,029.00.



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

20       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21	Permanent:	Full Time .....	5
22		Part Time .....	0
23	Time-Limited:	Full Time .....	0
24		Part Time .....	0

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

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30 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

31           Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
32 implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff  
33 State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and  
34 ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to  
35 make certain that each person, excluding executive directors,  
36 agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a  
37 three percent (3%) annual increase in salary which shall not  
38 exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board  
39 pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan  
40 for each classification.

41           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
42 Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting



43 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
44 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
45 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
46 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
47 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to  
48 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
49 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
50 during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

51       **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
52 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
53 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
54 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
55 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
56 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
57 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
58 made without competitive bids.

59       **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
60 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
61 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
62 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
63 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
64 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
65 actions contrary to this provision.

66       **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
67 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



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

72       **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
73 and after July 1, 2021.

