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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2931  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE  
2 TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL  
3 SERVICES 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 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Funeral Services for  
8 the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board for the fiscal  
9 year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....  
10 ..... \$ 296,653.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
12 this act, the following positions are authorized:

13 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

|    |               |                 |   |
|----|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 14 | Permanent:    | Full Time ..... | 2 |
| 15 |               | Part Time ..... | 0 |
| 16 | Time-Limited: | Full Time ..... | 0 |
| 17 |               | Part Time ..... | 0 |



18 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
19 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
20 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not  
21 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless  
22 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022  
23 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by  
24 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
25 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
26 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
27 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the  
28 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,  
29 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise  
30 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If  
31 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or  
32 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and  
33 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each  
34 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the Chairmen of  
35 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the  
36 Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the  
37 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of  
38 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency  
39 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this  
40 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations  
41 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of  
42 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the



43 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State  
44 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action  
45 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost  
46 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,  
47 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the  
48 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be  
49 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the  
50 requirements of this provision are met.

51 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
52 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
53 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
54 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
55 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
56 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
57 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
58 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
59 appropriated level.

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

64 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
65 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating  
66 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
67 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.



68           **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
69 Funeral Services Board shall maintain complete accounting and  
70 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
71 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
72 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
73 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
74 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to  
75 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
76 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
77 during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

78           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
79 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
80 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
81 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
82 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
83 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
84 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
85 made without competitive bids.

86           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
87 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
88 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
89 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
90 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
91 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
92 actions contrary to this provision.



93           **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
94 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
95 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
96 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
97 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
98 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

99           **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
100 and after July 1, 2021.

