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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2957

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO THE MAGNET COMMUNITY
3 HEALTH DISPARITY PROGRAM TO BE USED TO ADDRESS THE
4 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON THE MINORITY COMMUNITY OF CORONAVIRUS
5 INFECTIONS AND DEATHS FROM COVID-19, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health
10 for the purpose of providing funds to the MAGnet Community Health
11 Disparity Program, whose mission is to strengthen collaboration
12 and coordination for improved health access, performance, outcomes
13 and cost efficiencies and whose vision is to improve the health
14 status for all Mississippians through integrated health, which
15 shall be used for the purposes described in Section 2 of this act,
16 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
17 2022.....\$ 11,000,000.00.

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) The money appropriated by Section 1 of this
19 act shall be used by the MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program



20 to address the disproportionate impact on the minority community
21 of coronavirus infections and deaths from COVID-19 by (a)
22 developing and implementing plans to reduce and mitigate those
23 occurrences and negative outcomes in the minority community during
24 the continuation of the current COVID-19 public health emergency,
25 and (b) taking actions to reduce the racial disparities in the
26 distribution and availability of the COVID-19 vaccines and actions
27 to reach out to the minority community to encourage them to get
28 the vaccines.

29 (2) Federally Qualified Health Centers in the state are
30 eligible to receive funding through the MAGnet Community Health
31 Disparity Program from the funds appropriated by this act upon
32 application submitted to the MAGnet Community Health Corporation
33 for approval.

34 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
35 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
36 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
37 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
38 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
39 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

40 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2021.

