REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division..................................................$ 153,453,928.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.....................
(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state, as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972.................................$  19,576,109.00.

(d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program..................  

..................................................$  2,053,829,447.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THIS SECTION BEING....................$  2,303,506,047.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.................................$ 1,965,301,707.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.................................$  21,692,238.00.
(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program...............................$ 245,112,197.00.

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THIS SECTION BEING.......................$ 2,232,106,142.00.**

**SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars ($126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing vision safety services.

**SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for the following purposes:

- Literacy Initiative and Assessment..............$ 6,805,774.00
- Educable Child.........................................$ 7,000,000.00
- Grants to school districts for capital facilities and buses..............$ 16,000,000.00
Instructional materials.........................$ 20,000,000.00
Students with Special Needs....................$ 1,800,000.00
Implementing Performance-Based Data
    Collection and Accreditation
        Model........................................$ 274,937.00
Testing..............................................$ 6,125,670.00
Mississippi School for Math and
    Science..........................................$ 125,000.00
Mississippi School for Fine Arts...............$ 125,000.00
Early Learning Collaboratives................$ 8,210,526.00
Early Learning Coaches........................$ 1,500,000.00
Math Coaches......................................$ 5,000,000.00
WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, dual
    credit, International Baccalaureate,
    Cambridge, diploma
    endorsements...................................$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi Student Information
    System...........................................$ 7,649,540.00
Vocational Technical Grants....................$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi School for the Deaf
    and Blind.......................................$ 1,207,037.00
TOTAL..............................................$ 83,823,484.00
(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
    expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.......

...................................................$ 5,637,258.00.
(c) To the State Department of Education to provide funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program............

..............................................$ 225,112,197.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized for the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanen: Full Time............. 314

Part Time............. 3

Time-Limited: Full Time............. 162

Part Time............. 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If
the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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<td><strong>Special Education</strong></td>
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<td>Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)</td>
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<td>Gifted Education teachers (Number of)</td>
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<td>181</td>
<td>Increase percentage of children with disabilities in general education early childhood programs while decreasing the percentage in self-contained special education early childhood classrooms (%)</td>
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<td>Total Budget Spent on General Administration (%)</td>
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<td>Create a public-facing data system for all stakeholders (%)</td>
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<td>Create a user-friendly website for the public and school districts to access</td>
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Create a roadmap to improve the Mississippi Student Information System (%)

Publish research results to support improved student outcomes and teacher effectiveness (Number of)

Graduation & Career Readiness

Increase the percentage of students graduating from high school ready for college or career in each subgroup (%)

Early Childhood Education

Increase percentage of kindergarten students achieving end-of-year target score on Kindergarten Readiness post-test (%)

Increase the percentage of Early Learning Collaborative sites meeting required rate of readiness (%)

Increase number of students enrolled in Title I or locally funded pre-K classes (Number of)

Teacher Tng & Professional Dev

Increase the percentage of districts reporting Professional Growth System
(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders

Increase the number of licensed, diverse teachers and leaders (Number of) 31

Increase the percentage of teacher candidates passing licensure exams on the first attempt (%) 51.08

Reduce the proportion of inexperienced and non-certified teachers in schools that are High Poverty (%) 25.00

Reduce the proportion of inexperienced and non-certified teachers in schools that are High Minority (%) 24.00

Elementary Education

Increase the percentage of students who pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at the first administration in each subgroup (%) 80.00

Secondary Education

Increase the number of students participating in and passing Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams in each subgroup (Number of) 37.00

Increase the percentage of students
ready for college as measured by meeting ACT benchmarks in each content area (public school class data, grade 11) (Number of)

### Assessment & Development

- Increase the percentage of students proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide assessments (grades 3-8 and high school composite) in each subgroup

- Decrease the percentage of students scoring levels 1-3 on statewide assessments in each subgroup

- Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten students in public schools attaining kindergarten readiness on the pre-K end-of-year assessment

### School Performance

- Increase the percentage of schools rated "C" or higher

- Increase the percentage of districts rated "C" or higher

- Increase the percentage of students demonstrating growth on statewide ELA assessments in each subgroup

- Increase the percentage of students
demonstrating growth on statewide Math assessments in each subgroup 64.43
Increase the percentage of students participating in dual credit in each subgroup 50.00
Increase the percentage of students passing dual credit in each subgroup 98.00
Increase the growth of D and F districts demonstrating growth, by improving the letter grade and/or increasing the number of points within a letter grade 76.00
Increase the growth of D and F schools demonstrating growth, by improving the letter grade and/or increasing the number of points within a letter grade 70.00
Increase the growth of Districts of Transformation by improving the letter grade and/or increasing the number of points within a letter grade 100.00
Increase the growth of schools under Districts of Transformation by improving the letter grade and/or increasing the number of points within a letter grade 100.00
Decrease the number of high schools rated D or F 55
A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

**SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds, received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has specifically identified the amount of the grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be $_______ less as a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

**SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

**SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

**AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

Permanent: Full Time............. 48

Part Time............. 0
With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations...
for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff
State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and
ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency’s responsibility to
make certain that each person, excluding executive directors,
agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3%
anual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate
established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel
Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each
classification.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
Eighty-four Dollars ($229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
($75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
soil conservation equipment.
SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 13. The State Department of Education shall transfer the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure, for the following:

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T. K. Martin Center.................................$ 25,000.00.
Jumpstart ACT..............................................$ 200,000.00.
Mastery Prep...................................................$ 150,000.00.
Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.........................$ 200,000.00.
Total...............................................................$ 9,448,500.00.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
($1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.
All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
College and Career Standards.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to
exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to
the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and
used for computer science programs development and teacher
training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools
for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula,
including both academic and career and technical education
programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working
with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher
Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for
computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018
Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career Standards.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars ($62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 16. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year 2022 shall be Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-four Dollars and Eight Cents ($5,874.08).

SECTION 17. With the funds provided in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars ($23,080,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers seeking National Board Certification.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars ($15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include only those billable days funded through appropriation of state funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts...
made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00) shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 22. The public school districts of the state are authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for this purpose.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.
SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars ($6,321,927.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars ($3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars ($3,060,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

SECTION 26. The State Department of Education shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2022.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
($20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

**SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for each semester.

**SECTION 29.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

**SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of providing funds to school districts through the Emergency Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. The school districts receiving these loans shall repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the loan on or before June 30, 2022.
SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000.00) shall be transferred to the Board of Health no later than December 31, 2021.

SECTION 32. Any school district receiving funds through Save the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of the program.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%) may be used for training and administrative costs related to oversight and auditing of the program.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 2(a), Sixteen Million Dollars ($16,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2022 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($1,250.00) per student in a half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section 37-21-51.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.
SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Six Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars ($2,601,918.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-three Dollars ($3,758,733.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars ($1,300,959.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10, 2021, and One Million Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Five-nine Dollars ($1,300,959.00) shall be paid no later than January 10, 2022. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) is
provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
1972.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the
following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind
and Deaf: $9,697,547.00 from Section 1(a), $1,207,037.00 from
Section 4(a), and $2,159,725.00 from Section 2(a).

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an
amount not to exceed Fifty-one Million Four Hundred Twenty
Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars ($51,420,627.00) shall
be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public
school district in the state for an annual salary increase of One
Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) or One Thousand One Hundred Ten
Dollars ($1,110.00) as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedule
in House Bill 852, 2021 Regular Session, for each state funded
certified teacher, teacher assistant, reading and librarian aide,
counselor and librarian, excluding non-instructional personnel and
administrators, for the 2021-2022 school year, and school years
thereafter.

SECTION 41. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the
purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as
authorized in HB 1700, 2020 Regular Session to provide for agency
operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022......................$ 4,700,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Ninety-four Two Hundred Ninety-one Dollars ($4,594,291.00) is authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

SECTION 43. The money appropriated in this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 44. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

SECTION 45. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.
Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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