

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2879

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

12       **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums herein  
13 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
14 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
15 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
16 the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Institutions  
17 of Higher Learning - Office of Student Financial Aid for the  
18 period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.....  
19 .....\$     3,600,000.00.

20       This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of  
21 supporting the funding of the Mississippi Resident Tuition  
22 Assistance Grant, the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant, and the  
23 Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant.

24       **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums herein  
25 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
26 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
27 Institutions of Higher Learning - Office of Student Financial Aid  
28 and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office

to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning -  
Office of Student Financial Aid for the period beginning July 1,  
2020, and ending June 30, 2021.....\$ 500,000.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of  
supporting the funding of the Mississippi Resident Tuition  
Assistance Grant, the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant, and the  
Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi  
Department of Education for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and  
ending June 30, 2021.....\$ 3,064,417.00.

This additional appropriation assists with the full funding  
of CTE student attainment assessments contracted with Mississippi  
State University (MSU). It is also to assist with the full  
funding of the contract with MSU's Research and Curriculum Unit to  
develop curriculum and other activities. It will further assist  
the department with vocational and technical education programs to  
meet the Maintenance of Effort required by the Carl Perkins Act.

**SECTION 4.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for

certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,  
judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the  
Attorney General for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
June 30, 2021.....\$ 447,413.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following  
amounts are provided:

(a) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the  
State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United  
States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi,  
Jackson Division, Cause No.3:03cv251(L) (N).....\$ 129,680.00.

(b) Amos et al. v. Taylor et al. 20-cv-00007-DMB-JMV (N.D.  
Miss); Lang, et al. v. Cain, et al., 4:20-cv-030-DMB RP (N.D.  
Miss); Brittany Waddell, et al. v. Taylor, et al., Civil Action  
No. 3:20-cv-340-TSL-RHW (S.D. Miss.).....\$ 180,963.00.

(c) United States v. State of Mississippi,  
3:16-cv-622-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss).....\$ 22,412.00.

(d) Joseph Thomas, Vernon Avers, and Melvin Lawson v. Tate  
Reeves Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-00441-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss).....  
.....\$ 36,203.00.

(e) IRS Representation vs State Agencies.....  
.....\$ 78,155.00.

**SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Department of

Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and  
ending June 30, 2021.....\$ 625,000.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of  
hiring and equipping personnel for the Driver Services Bureau.

**SECTION 6.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Department of  
Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and  
ending June 30, 2021.....\$ 111,667.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of  
hiring and equipping three (3) new forensics laboratory death  
investigators for the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory.

**SECTION 7.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
State Fire Academy and allocated in a manner as determined by the  
Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the State Fire  
Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
June 30, 2021.....\$ 315,700.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of  
conducting workforce development courses.

**SECTION 8.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary is appropriated out of any money to the Rural Fire Truck

Acquisition Fund and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund,  
which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third  
Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Insurance Department for  
the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal  
year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.....  
.....\$ 2,300,000.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of  
funding rural fire trucks.

**SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Capital  
Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the  
Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of  
defraying the expenses incurred by the department as required by  
the Rose Isabel Williams Mental Health Reform Act of 2020, for the  
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.....  
..... \$ 230,000.00.

The funds provided under the provision of this section shall  
be expended by the department to hire the Coordinator of Mental  
Health Accessibility under the occupational title of DFA-Deputy  
Director. The department shall also expend the funds provided  
under this section to hire the coordinator's contractual staff.

**SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein  
appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
Department of Marine Resources, and allocated in a manner as

132 determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the  
133 Department for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.....  
134 .....\$ 2,000,000.00.

135 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of continued  
136 funding of ongoing projects.

137 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
138 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENSE  
2 FUNDS, AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING - OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID  
4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR  
5 2021, THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE STATE FIRE  
7 ACADEMY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND THE MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE  
8 DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
9 ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE  
10 RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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