

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2909

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:

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, to the Board of Trustees
8 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying
9 the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the
10 Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....\$ 5,245,065.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and
16 Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....\$ 1,164,064.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
19 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
20 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
21 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

22 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if
23 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
24 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
25 research grants or donations, such special source funds not
26 classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for
27 under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the
28 Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be
29 included in all reports and requests for the 2022 Regular Session
30 of the Mississippi Legislature.

31 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
32 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to
33 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
34 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
35 during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

36 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
37 Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Five Dollars (\$253,005.00) shall be
38 derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited
39 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
40 1972.

41 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
42 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
43 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
44 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
45 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
46 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

47 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
48 made without competitive bids.

49 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
50 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
51 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
52 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
53 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
54 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
55 actions contrary to this provision.

56 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
57 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
58 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
59 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
60 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
61 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

62 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2021, and shall stand repealed from and after
64 June 29, 2021.

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

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE
3 FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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