

**Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1375**

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE 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:**

6           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for  
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....\$           517,227.00.

12           **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the  
13 provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	5
16		Part Time.....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
18		Part Time.....	0

19           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
20 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
21 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not  
22 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless

23 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022  
24 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by  
25 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
26 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
27 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
28 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the  
29 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,  
30 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise  
31 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If  
32 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or  
33 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and  
34 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each  
35 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of  
36 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the  
37 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the  
38 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of  
39 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency  
40 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this  
41 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations  
42 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of  
43 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the  
44 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State  
45 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action  
46 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost  
47 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,  
48 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the

49 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be  
50 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the  
51 requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

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

69 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
70 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land  
71 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
72 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
73 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
74 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the

75 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for  
76 Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
77 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
78 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022  
79 budget request process.

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

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

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

101           **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided herein, Three Hundred  
102 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be provided in grants for  
103 ABET-accredited engineering programs and Board-approved surveying  
104 programs of any college or university in the State of Mississippi,  
105 after application to and subject to approval by the Board. The  
106 Board will develop guidelines for application, award, and  
107 disbursement of these grants. The Board will issue a written  
108 report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the chairs of the House  
109 and Senate Appropriations Committees as to how the grants were  
110 awarded.

111           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
112 and after July 1, 2021.

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

1           AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
3 REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR  
4 FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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