By: Representative Porter

To: Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF STATE SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FOUR FISCAL YEARS; TO DIRECT THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE SALARY INCREASE; TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE SALARY INCREASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Personnel Board shall adjust the
- 9 Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan in a manner
- 10 that will effectuate a three percent (3%) increase in the annual
- 11 compensation of each state service employee who has been an
- 12 employee of the State of Mississippi for not less than five (5)
- 13 years on the date that the increase will take effect, for each of
- 14 the next four (4) fiscal years, as follows:
- 15 (a) For fiscal year 2023, a three percent (3%) increase
- 16 above the amount of the employee's annual compensation in effect
- 17 on June 30, 2022, effective on July 1, 2022;
- 18 (b) For fiscal year 2024, a three percent (3%) increase
- 19 above the amount of the employee's annual compensation in effect
- 20 on June 30, 2023, effective on July 1, 2023;

21 (c) For fiscal year 2025, a three percent (3%) incr
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- 22 above the amount of the employee's annual compensation in effect
- 23 on June 30, 2025, effective on July 1, 2024; and
- 24 (d) For fiscal year 2026, a three percent (3%) increase
- 25 above the amount of the employee's annual compensation in effect
- 26 on June 30, 2024, effective on July 1, 2025.
- 27 (2) If the increase in compensation provided for in this
- 28 section would cause any employee's compensation to be in excess of
- 29 the compensation of the executive head of the state agency or
- 30 department in which he or she is employed, then that employee's
- 31 compensation may be increased only to the extent that the
- 32 employee's salary will be equal in amount to the compensation of
- 33 the executive head.
- 34 (3) If any state employee is unable to receive the full
- 35 amount of the salary increase provided for in this section because
- 36 to award the entire allowable increase would cause that employee's
- 37 base salary to exceed the end step of his or her particular job
- 38 classification, the State Personnel Board shall amend the Variable
- 39 Compensation Plan by increasing the end step of that particular
- 40 job classification. The increase shall be in an amount necessary
- 41 to enable all employees in that particular job classification to
- 42 be eligible to receive the full salary increase to which they are
- 43 entitled under this section.

- 44 **SECTION 2.** The Legislature shall appropriate the funds
- 45 necessary to provide for the increases in compensation provided
- 46 for in this act.
- 47 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 48 and after its passage.