

By: Representatives Read, Turner, Hale

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE  
 2 DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVING AS  
 3 THE FISCAL AGENT, TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES,  
 4 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND  
 5 INDUSTRY PARTNERS FOR SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT,  
 6 SUPPLIES, AND BELATED EXPENSES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT SUCH  
 7 SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS AND TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF  
 8 TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE, SO THAT EMPLOYEES AND  
 9 OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH  
 10 EMERGENCY CAN BE MORE COMPETITIVE AND TRAINED FOR THE JOB MARKET  
 11 THAT EMERGES AFTER THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, FOR ON  
 12 THE JOB TRAINING AND FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; AND FOR  
 13 RELATED PURPOSES.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

15 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
 16 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
 17 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
 18 Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment  
 19 Security serving as the fiscal agent, for the purposes described  
 20 in Section 2 of this act for the period beginning upon passage of  
 21 this act and ending June 30, 2022.....\$ 40,000,000.00.

22 **SECTION 2.** (1) Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) of  
 23 the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security



24 under Section 1 of this act shall be for direct training and  
25 related expenses for workforce development efforts related to  
26 health care, including, but not limited to, outreach and  
27 recruitment, awareness and interest-building, and training program  
28 expansion for certified nursing assistants, nurses and home-health  
29 providers; increasing opportunities for certified nursing  
30 assistants to become nurses; and first responder training,  
31 especially for first responders who offer initial care at rural  
32 home emergencies or automobile accidents.

33 (2) Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) of the money  
34 appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under  
35 Section 1 of this act shall be for direct training and related  
36 expenses for workforce development efforts related to emerging  
37 sectors, including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment,  
38 awareness and interest-building, and training program expansion  
39 for horizon-thinking programs such as advanced manufacturing,  
40 drone, cyber, fiber, electric vehicles and data analytics and  
41 management.

42 (3) Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars  
43 (\$2,800,000.00) of the money appropriated to the Department of  
44 Employment Security under Section 1 of this act shall be for  
45 direct training and related expenses for workforce development  
46 efforts related to logistics and supply chain, including, but not  
47 limited to, outreach and recruitment, awareness and  
48 interest-building, and training program expansion for commercial



49 driver's licenses, warehousing, shipping and similar essential  
50 programs that support product transportation and delivery.

51 (4) Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) of the money  
52 appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under  
53 Section 1 of this act shall be for direct training and related  
54 expenses for workforce development efforts related to specific  
55 populations, including, but not limited to, outreach to,  
56 investment in, and training for military personnel, single  
57 parents, currently and formerly incarcerated individuals,  
58 underemployed individuals, and individuals with disabilities; work  
59 with existing non-public partners and state agencies to provide  
60 wrap-around supportive services, such as child care and  
61 transportation, for individuals who have a desire to work.

62 (5) One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00)  
63 of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security  
64 under Section 1 of this act shall be retained by the department  
65 for program monitoring and evaluation, administrative fees,  
66 third-party accounting as needed, and the deployment of an  
67 ecosystem workforce development model by the Office of Workforce  
68 Development to support effective implementation of the activities  
69 described in subsections (1) through (4) of this Section 2.

70 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of  
71 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Employment  
72 Security.



73           (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
74 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
75 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
76 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
77 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
78 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
79 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
80 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
81 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
82 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
83 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
84 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
85 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
86 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
87 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
88 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
89 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
90 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
91 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
92 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
93 requirements.

94           **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
95 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, receiving  
96 entities shall certify to the department, and the department shall  
97 certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each



98 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this  
99 act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations  
100 and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the  
101 United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of  
102 monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
103 established by ARPA, which may include, but not be limited to,  
104 activities such as:

105           (a) Job training to address negative economic or public  
106 health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or level  
107 of training;

108           (b) Back to work incentives;

109           (c) Job training or other efforts to accelerate  
110 rehiring and thus reduce unemployment;

111           (d) Incentives for newly employed workers;

112           (e) Public jobs programs, subsidized employment,  
113 combined education and on-the-job training programs, or job  
114 training to accelerate rehiring or address negative economic or  
115 public health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or  
116 level of training;

117           (f) Other employment supports such as child care  
118 assistance or assistance with transportation to and from a job  
119 site or interview;

120           (g) Summer youth employment programs that directly  
121 address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on young  
122 people and their families and communities;



123 (h) Programs that provide paid training and/or work  
124 experience targeted primarily to (i) formerly incarcerated  
125 individuals, and/or (ii) communities experiencing high levels of  
126 violence exacerbated by the pandemic; or

127 (i) Programs that provide workforce readiness training,  
128 apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship opportunities, skills  
129 development, placement services and/or coaching and mentoring.

130 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
131 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
132 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
133 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
134 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended  
135 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department  
136 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
137 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
138 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
139 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
140 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
141 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
142 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
143 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or  
144 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or  
145 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
146 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
147 the federal government.



148           **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
149 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State  
150 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants  
151 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
152 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
153 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

154           **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
155 and after its passage.

