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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517  
(As Sent to Governor)

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 fiscal year beginning July 1,  
21 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 60,000,000.00.



22           **SECTION 2.** (1) Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00)  
23 of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security  
24 under Section 1 of this act shall be distributed as follows:

25           (a) For direct training and related expenses for  
26 workforce development efforts related to health care at the  
27 community and junior colleges, including, but not limited to,  
28 outreach and recruitment, awareness and interest-building, and  
29 training program expansion for certified nursing assistants,  
30 nurses and home-health providers; increasing opportunities for  
31 certified nursing assistants to become nurses; and first responder  
32 training, especially for first responders who offer initial care  
33 at rural home emergencies or automobile accidents.

34           (b) For direct training and related expenses for  
35 workforce development efforts related to emerging sectors,  
36 including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment, awareness  
37 and interest-building, and training program expansion for  
38 horizon-thinking programs such as advanced manufacturing, drone,  
39 cyber, fiber, electric vehicles and data analytics and management.

40           (c) For direct training and related expenses for  
41 workforce development efforts related to logistics and supply  
42 chain, including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment,  
43 awareness and interest-building, and training program expansion  
44 for commercial driver's licenses, warehousing, shipping and  
45 similar essential programs that support product transportation and  
46 delivery.



47 (d) For direct training and related expenses for  
48 workforce development efforts related to specific populations,  
49 including, but not limited to, outreach to, investment in, and  
50 training for military personnel, single parents, currently and  
51 formerly incarcerated individuals, underemployed individuals, and  
52 individuals with disabilities; work with existing nonpublic  
53 partners and state agencies to provide wrap-around supportive  
54 services, such as child care and transportation, for individuals  
55 who have a desire to work.

56 (e) For the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce  
57 Development Program created in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular  
58 Session.

59 (f) To be retained by the department for program  
60 monitoring and evaluation, administrative fees, third-party  
61 accounting as needed, and the deployment of an ecosystem workforce  
62 development model by the Office of Workforce Development to  
63 support effective implementation of the activities described in  
64 subsection (1) paragraphs (a) through (e), subsection (2) and  
65 subsection (3) of this Section 2.

66 (2) Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of the money  
67 appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under  
68 Section 1 of this act shall be for the Mississippi Health Sciences  
69 Training Infrastructure Grant Program created in House Bill No.  
70 1006, 2022 Regular Session. It is the intent of the Legislature  
71 that this program result in the retention of at least fifty



72 percent (50%) of osteopathic medical school graduates within the  
73 State of Mississippi.

74 (3) Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) of the money  
75 appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under  
76 Section 1 of this act shall be for the career coaching program  
77 created in House Bill No. 1388, 2022 Regular Session.

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

81 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
82 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
83 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
84 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
85 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
86 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
87 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
88 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
89 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
90 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
91 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
92 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
93 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
94 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
95 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
96 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit



97 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
98 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
99 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
100 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
101 requirements.

102 (3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this  
103 act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

104 **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
105 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, receiving  
106 entities shall certify to the department, and the department shall  
107 certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each  
108 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this  
109 act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations  
110 and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the  
111 United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of  
112 monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
113 established by ARPA.

114 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
115 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
116 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
117 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
118 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended  
119 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department  
120 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
121 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as



122 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
123 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
124 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
125 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
126 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
127 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or  
128 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or  
129 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
130 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
131 the federal government.

132       **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
133 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State  
134 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants  
135 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
136 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
137 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

138       **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
139 and after July 1, 2022.

