MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2022

By: Representatives White, Stamps, Bounds
To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1521
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
FUNDING FOR THE NURSING AND RESPIRATORY EDUCATION INCENTIVE
PROGRAM CREATED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 1005, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, FOR

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the
purpose of providing funding for the Nursing and Respiratory
Therapy Education Incentive Program created in House Bill No.
1005, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2022, and ending June 30, 2023.........................$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
this act, the term "agency" means the Board of Trustees of State
Institutions of Higher Learning.

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

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

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the agency under this act, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the agency under...
this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, 
regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to 
time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding 
the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund 
established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid 
by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State
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Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.