MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2022

By: Representatives Read, Arnold, Turner, Hale, Shanks, Williams-Barnes, Stamps, Crawford, Johnson

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM, AS CREATED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 1427, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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 Department of Public Safety for the purpose of providing funds for the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program as created in House Bill No. 1427, 2022 Regular Session, for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. $12,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(2) The department 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 department'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 department 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.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department 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 department or recipient has expended
or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department
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 department or
recipient, then the department 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
Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
issued by 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.