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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1585

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
4 THERAPISTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
8 the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Examiners for  
9 Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists for the purpose  
10 of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year  
11 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....  
12 .....\$ 212,557.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
14 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

15 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

16	Permanent:	Full Time.....	3
17		Part Time.....	0
18	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
19		Part Time.....	0



20 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
21 responsibility to make certain that funds required for "Personal  
22 Services" for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023  
23 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions  
24 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the  
25 Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the  
26 agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published  
27 by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel  
28 Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll  
29 costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility  
30 of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures  
31 for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the  
32 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023  
33 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
34 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
35 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

36 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
37 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
38 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
39 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
40 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
41 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
42 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
43 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
44 appropriated level.



45 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
46 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
47 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
48 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

49 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
50 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating  
51 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
52 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

53 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
54 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
55 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
56 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
57 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
58 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

59 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
60 Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family  
61 Therapists shall maintain complete accounting and personnel  
62 records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under  
63 this act and that such records shall be in the same format and  
64 level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further  
65 the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request  
66 for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
67 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
68 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023  
69 budget request process.



70           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
71 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
72 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
73 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
74 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
75 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
76 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
77 made without competitive bids.

78           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
79 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
80 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
81 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
82 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
83 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
84 actions contrary to this provision.

85           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
86 Section 1, Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) is  
87 provided for the upgrade and maintenance of the Board's Licensing  
88 and Regulatory System (LARS) to a CLOUD based system.

89           **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
90 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
91 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
92 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
93 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
94 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



95           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
96 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

