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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1595

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE
3 EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
4 RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
9 to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of the Public
10 Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the
11 administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of the Public
12 Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in the State
13 Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building Account
14 of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of
15 maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System
16 Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
17 June 30, 2023.....\$ 18,390,790.00.

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



20 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21	Permanent:	Full Time.....	163
22		Part Time.....	0
23	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
24		Part Time.....	0

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

41 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
42 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written



45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
49 appropriated level.

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

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

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

64 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
65 Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall
66 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the
67 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
68 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
69 maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of



70 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
71 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
72 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
73 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request
74 process.

75 **SECTION 4.** In accordance with the purposes of this article,
76 there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public
77 Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund,
78 into which shall be deposited all funds collected as rental income
79 from the building owned by the system located at 301 North
80 President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. At the end of each fiscal
81 year, any and all unexpended funds shall be transferred to the
82 Administrative Budget Fund of the system.

83 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
84 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
85 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
86 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
87 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
88 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
89 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
90 made without competitive bids.

91 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more
92 than Three Million Five Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars
93 (\$3,538,000.00) is provided for the purpose of defraying those
94 expenses associated with the replacement computer system.



95 **SECTION 7.** The Public Employees' Retirement System is
96 further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the
97 purchase of service pins for employees of the Public Employees'
98 Retirement System.

99 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more
100 than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided,
101 only for the explicit purpose of building maintenance and repair.

102 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
103 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
104 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
105 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
106 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
107 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
108 actions contrary to this provision.

109 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
110 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
111 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
112 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
113 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
114 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

115 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
116 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

