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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING  
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN  
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL  
4 YEAR 2023.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including  
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for  
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023,  
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and  
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
16 Division.....\$ 320,253,698.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....



20 .....\$ 76,688,587.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for  
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,  
24 as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi  
25 Code of 1972.....\$ 18,967,201.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the  
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
28 .....\$ 2,117,035,934.00.

29 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
30 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,532,945,420.00.

31 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as  
32 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special  
33 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or  
34 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following  
35 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
36 June 30, 2023, as follows:

37 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
38 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,  
39 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
40 Division.....\$ 1,963,185,280.00.

41 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
42 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
43 Division of the State Department of Education.....  
44 .....\$ 21,693,254.00.



45 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of  
46 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education  
47 Program.....\$ 245,112,197.00.

48 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
49 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,229,990,731.00.

50 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
51 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars  
52 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is  
53 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit  
54 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of  
55 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
56 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing  
57 vision safety services.

58 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
59 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are  
60 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of  
61 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
62 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

63 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the  
64 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for  
65 the following purposes:

66 Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....\$ 6,805,774.00  
67 Educable Child.....\$ 7,000,000.00  
68 Grants to school districts for  
69 capital facilities and buses.....\$ 16,000,000.00



70	Instructional materials.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
71	Students with Special Needs.....	\$ 1,800,000.00
72	Implementing Performance-Based Data	
73	Collection and Accreditation	
74	Model.....	\$ 274,937.00
75	Testing.....	\$ 6,125,670.00
76	Mississippi School for Math and	
77	Science.....	\$ 125,000.00
78	Mississippi School for Fine Arts. ....	\$ 125,000.00
79	Early Learning Collaboratives.....	\$ 8,210,526.00
80	Early Learning Coaches.....	\$ 1,500,000.00
81	Math Coaches.....	\$ 5,000,000.00
82	WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, dual	
83	credit, International Baccalaureate,	
84	Cambridge, diploma	
85	endorsements.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
86	Mississippi Student Information	
87	System.....	\$ 7,649,540.00
88	Vocational Technical Grants.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
89	Mississippi School for the Deaf	
90	and Blind.....	\$ 1,207,037.00
91	TOTAL.....	\$ 83,823,484.00
92	(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the	
93	expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....	
94	.....	\$ 5,637,258.00.



95 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide  
96 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
97 .....\$ 225,112,197.00.

98 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the  
99 following positions are authorized for the State Department of  
100 Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical  
101 Education Division:

102 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

103	Permanent:	Full Time.....	307
104		Part Time.....	3
105	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	160
106		Part Time.....	0

107 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
108 responsibility to make certain that funds required for "Personal  
109 Services" for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023  
110 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions  
111 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the  
112 Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the  
113 agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published  
114 by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel  
115 Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll  
116 costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility  
117 of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures  
118 for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the  
119 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023



120 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
121 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
122 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

123 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
124 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
125 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
126 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
127 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
128 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
129 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
130 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
131 appropriated level.

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

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

140 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
141 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
142 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
143 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the



144 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
145 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

146 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
147 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
148 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be  
149 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to  
150 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,  
151 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education  
152 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make  
153 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided  
154 below:

	FY2023
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Special Education	
Number of Special Education Teachers (FTE)	6,188
Number of Gifted Education Teachers	805
Percent Increase of Children with	
Disabilities in General Education Early	
Childhood Programs while Decreasing the	
Percent in Self-Contained Special	
Education Early Childhood Classrooms	76.00
General Administration	
Total Dollars Spent on General	
Administration	26,532,257.00
Percent of Total Budget Spent on General	



169	Administration	18.58
170	Create a Public-Facing Data System for	
171	All Stakeholders (%)	100.00
172	Create a User-Friendly Website for the	
173	Public & School Districts to Access Data	
174	to Make Decisions (%)	100.00
175	Create a Roadmap to Improve the	
176	Mississippi Student Information System	
177	(%)	100.00
178	Number of Research Results Published to	
179	Support Improved Student Outcomes &	
180	Teacher Effectiveness	9
181	Graduation & Career Readiness	
182	Percent Increase of Students Graduating	
183	from High School Ready for College or	
184	Career in Each Subgroup	88.00
185	Early Childhood Education	
186	Percent Increase of Kindergarten	
187	Students Achieving End-Of-Year Target	
188	Score on Kindergarten Readiness	
189	Post-Test	68.88
190	Percent Increase of Early Learning	
191	Collaborative Sites Meeting Required	
192	Rate of Readiness	95.00
193	Number of Students Enrolled in Title I	





194	or Locally Funded Pre-K Classes	8,022
195	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
196	Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
197	Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
198	Are High Poverty (%)	80.00
199	Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
200	Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
201	Are High Minority (%)	31.00
202	Percent Increase of Districts Reporting	
203	Professional Growth System (PGS) Ratings	
204	for Teachers & Leaders	51.08
205	Percent Increase of Teacher Candidates	
206	Passing Licensure Exams on the First	
207	Attempt	25.00
208	Increase the Number of Licensed, Diverse	
209	Teachers & Leaders	24
210	Elementary Education	
211	Percent Increase of Students who Pass	
212	the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment at the	
213	First Administration in Each Subgroup	80.00
214	Secondary Education	
215	Increase the Number of Students	
216	Participating in & Passing Advanced	
217	Placement (AP), International	
218	Baccalaureate (IB) & Cambridge Exams in	



219	Each Subgroup	37.00
220	Percent Increase of Students Ready for	
221	College as Measured by Meeting ACT	
222	Benchmarks in Each	
223	Content Area (Public School Class Data,	
224	Grade 11)	11.00
225	Assessment & Development	
226	Increase the Percent of Students	
227	Proficient (Levels 4-5) on Statewide	
228	Assessments (Grades 3-8 & High School	
229	Composite) in Each Subgroup	50.07
230	Decrease the Percent of Students Scoring	
231	Levels 1-3 on Statewide Assessments in	
232	Each Subgroup	49.93
233	Increase Percent of Pre-Kindergarten	
234	Students in Public Schools Attaining	
235	Kindergarten Readiness on the Pre-K	
236	End-Of-Year Assessment	72.00
237	School Performance	
238	Percent of Schools Rated "C" or Higher	77.00
239	Percent of Districts Rated "C" or Higher	72.90
240	Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	
241	on Statewide ELA Assessments in Each	
242	Subgroup	65.63
243	Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	



244	on Statewide Math Assessments in Each	
245	Subgroup	64.43
246	Percent of Students Participating in	
247	Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	50.00
248	Percent of Students Passing Dual Credit	
249	in Each Subgroup	98.00
250	Increase the Growth of D & F Districts	
251	Demonstrating Growth, by Improving the	
252	Letter Grade	
253	and/or Increasing the Number of Points	
254	within a Letter Grade	76.00
255	Increase the Growth of D & F Schools by	
256	Improving the Letter Grade and/or	
257	Increasing the Number of Points within a	
258	Letter Grade	70.00
259	Increase the Growth of Districts of	
260	Transformation by Improving the Letter	
261	Grade and/or Increasing the Number of	
262	Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
263	Increase the Growth of Schools Under	
264	Districts of Transformation by Improving	
265	the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the	
266	Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
267	Decrease the Number of High Schools	
268	Rated D or F	55



269 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
270 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
271 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
272 Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

273 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,  
274 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such  
275 school district has specifically identified the amount of the  
276 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,  
277 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the  
278 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as  
279 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the  
280 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

281 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in  
282 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from  
283 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement  
284 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of  
285 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for  
286 the School for Math and Science.

287 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
288 this act, the following positions are authorized for the  
289 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
290 Department of Education:

291 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

292	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
293		Part Time.....	0



294 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 5  
295 Part Time..... 0

296 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
297 responsibility to make certain that funds required for "Personal  
298 Services" for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023  
299 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions  
300 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the  
301 Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the  
302 agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published  
303 by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel  
304 Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll  
305 costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility  
306 of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures  
307 for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the  
308 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023  
309 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
310 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
311 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

312 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
313 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
314 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
315 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
316 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
317 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
318 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



319 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
320 appropriated level.

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

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

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

335 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
336 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred  
337 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of  
338 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in  
339 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess  
340 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

341 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
342 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State  
343 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in



344 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
345 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation  
346 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase  
347 soil conservation equipment.

348 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more  
349 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is  
350 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of  
351 America Center.

352 **SECTION 13.** The State Department of Education shall transfer  
353 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall  
354 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in  
355 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any  
356 improper expenditure, for the following:

357	Detention Centers.....	\$ 1,200,000.00.
358	Dubard School.....	\$ 627,000.00.
359	Dyslexia Program.....	\$ 225,000.00.
360	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$ 600,000.00.
361	Stride.....	\$ 600,000.00.
362	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$ 800,000.00.
363	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 800,000.00.
364	Principal Corp.....	\$ 200,000.00.
365	Sight Savers.....	\$ 300,000.00.
366	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,250,000.00.
367	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 200,000.00.
368	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$ 734,000.00.



369	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 225,000.00.
370	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 775,000.00.
371	Save the Children.....	\$ 125,000.00.
372	Mississippi Construction Education Program....	\$ 212,500.00.
373	T. K. Martin Center.....	\$ 25,000.00.
374	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$ 200,000.00.
375	Mastery Prep.....	\$ 150,000.00.
376	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.....	\$ 200,000.00.
377	Total.....	\$ 9,448,500.00.

378       **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount  
379 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
380 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for  
381 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic  
382 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi  
383 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and  
384 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.  
385 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or  
386 College and Career Standards.

387       Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to  
388 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to  
389 the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and  
390 used for computer science programs development and teacher  
391 training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools  
392 for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula,  
393 including both academic and career and technical education





394 programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working  
395 with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher  
396 Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for  
397 computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018  
398 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College  
399 and Career Standards.

400       **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
401 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),  
402 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the  
403 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the  
404 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution  
405 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school  
406 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of  
407 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the  
408 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the  
409 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal  
410 Year 1985.

411       **SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided in this act for the  
412 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as  
413 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the  
414 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2023 shall be Six Thousand Five  
415 Hundred Thirty-two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$6,532.20).

416       **SECTION 17.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the  
417 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and  
418 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the



419 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual  
420 increment.

421         **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
422 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and  
423 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
424 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
425 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
426 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
427 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the  
428 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
429 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
430 Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process for each agency and  
431 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

432         **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the  
433 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million  
434 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for  
435 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred  
436 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class  
437 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers  
438 seeking National Board Certification.

439         **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
440 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
441 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
442 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State  
443 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child



444 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include  
445 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state  
446 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature  
447 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts  
448 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the  
449 Office of the Governor.

450       **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
451 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)  
452 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.  
453 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship  
454 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department  
455 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

456       **SECTION 22.** The public school districts of the state are  
457 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred  
458 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the  
459 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired  
460 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
461 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the  
462 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for  
463 this purpose.

464       **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
465 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
466 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
467 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,  
468 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



469 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
470 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
471 made without competitive bids.

472 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less  
473 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred  
474 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the  
475 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance  
476 Officers.

477 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
478 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand  
479 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary  
480 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The  
481 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is  
482 provided from the Department of Health.

483 **SECTION 26.** The State Department of Education shall contract  
484 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the  
485 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student  
486 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on  
487 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,  
488 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for  
489 calculating the estimates of these components due to the  
490 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the  
491 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the  
492 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding



493 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of  
494 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2023.

495         **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the  
496 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars  
497 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be  
498 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

499         **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
500 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for  
501 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
502 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be  
503 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health  
504 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred  
505 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

506         **SECTION 29.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
507 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under  
508 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the  
509 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a  
510 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

511         **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
512 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or  
513 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars  
514 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of  
515 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency  
516 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code  
517 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending



518 June 30, 2023. The school districts receiving these loans shall  
519 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the  
520 loan on or before June 30, 2023.

521 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven  
522 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
523 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2022.

524 **SECTION 32.** Any school district receiving funds through Save  
525 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from  
526 local funds for implementation of the program.

527 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
528 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi  
529 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant  
530 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)  
531 may be used for training and administrative costs related to  
532 oversight and auditing of the program.

533 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
534 Section 2(a), Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is provided  
535 for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding  
536 shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year  
537 2023 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
538 (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One  
539 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a  
540 half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section  
541 37-21-51.



542           **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and  
543 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred  
544 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative  
545 and Assessment.

546           **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is  
547 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion  
548 of the state accountability model.

549           **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two  
550 Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-two  
551 Dollars (\$2,670,832.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School  
552 of the Arts and Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand  
553 Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$3,889,615.00) shall be used for the  
554 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the  
555 intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in  
556 Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million  
557 Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars  
558 (\$1,335,416.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10,  
559 2022, and One Million Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Four  
560 Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$1,335,416.00) shall be paid no later  
561 than January 10, 2023. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a)  
562 for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school  
563 each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was  
564 received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of  
565 the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce  
566 the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi



567 School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and  
568 Science.

569       **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and  
570 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is  
571 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified  
572 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of  
573 1972.

574       **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the  
575 following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind  
576 and Deaf: Ten Million Six Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars  
577 (\$10,006,307.00) from Section 1(a), One Million Two Hundred Seven  
578 Thousand Thirty-seven Dollars (\$1,207,037.00) from Section 4(a),  
579 and Two Million One Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred  
580 Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,159,725.00) from Section 2(a).

581       **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an  
582 amount not to exceed Two Hundred Nineteen Million Five Hundred  
583 Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars  
584 (\$219,513,989.00) shall be allocated for the purpose of providing  
585 funds to each public school district in the state for an annual  
586 salary increase as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedule in  
587 House Bill 530, 2022 Regular Session, for the 2022-2023 school  
588 year, and school years thereafter. Annual salary increases for  
589 state funded certified teachers, counselors and librarians shall  
590 range from a minimum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to a  
591 maximum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) based on certification





592 level and years of experience, with larger raises going to  
593 teachers with bachelor's and master's degrees and fewer years of  
594 experience. Each state funded teacher assistant, reading and  
595 library aide shall receive an annual increase of Two Thousand  
596 Dollars (\$2,000.00).

597       **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an  
598 amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Ninety-four  
599 Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$4,594,291.00) is  
600 authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of  
601 Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State  
602 University to fund career and technical curricula, services to  
603 secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

604       **SECTION 42.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid  
605 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
606 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
607 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
608 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
609 officers in the manner provided by law.

610       **SECTION 43.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
611 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year  
612 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),  
613 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of  
614 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

615       **SECTION 44.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
616 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

