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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL
3 TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending

10 June 30, 2023.....\$ 4,070,646.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for
14 Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds
15 collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the
16 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal
17 year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....

18\$ 7,166,280.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

22	Permanent:	Full Time.....	80
23		Part Time.....	0
24	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	9
25		Part Time.....	0

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

42 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
43 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or



44 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
45 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
46 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
47 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
48 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
49 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
50 appropriated level.

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

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

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

65 Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the
66 continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of
67 educational and instructional, professional growth, and public



68 service programs, with the production of new films and programs to
69 be secondary thereto.

70 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
71 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain
72 complete accounting and personnel records related to the
73 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
74 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
75 maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of
76 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
77 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
78 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
79 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request
80 process.

81 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
82 Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred
83 Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the
84 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
85 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

86 **SECTION 6.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be
87 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for
88 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication
89 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor
90 shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds
91 appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state



92 agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or
93 publication activities of such office.

94 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
95 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the
96 authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement
97 Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi
98 Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment
99 for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

100 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
101 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
102 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
103 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
104 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
105 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
106 performance measures provided below:

	FY2023
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
109 Content Operations	
110 Number of Locally Produced TV Programs	150
111 Number of Locally Produced Radio Programs	1,092
112 Number of Monthly Average Number of Web	
113 Site Users	4,500
114 Number of New Programs Produced &	
115 Broadcast Related to Fit to Eat	
116 Programming	13



117	Percent Increase in Visitors Viewing the	
118	Healthy Living Related Items on MPB	
119	Site	31.00
120	Percent of Radio Broadcasts & TV Alerts	
121	During Times of Emergency	100.00
122	Education Services	
123	Percent Increase in Users Using MPB	
124	Education Online Resources for Pre-K	
125	Children & Families	15.00
126	Number of Students Served by the Digital	
127	Education Network (DEN) Classroom	2,000
128	Number of School Districts Participating	
129	in the DEN Classroom	30
130	Number of Teachers Taking e-Learning Courses	1,200
131	Number of Teacher Continuing Education	
132	Units (CEUs) Provided by e-Learning	
133	Courses Offered	400
134	Percent Increase of Visitors to the MPB	
135	Education Website	20.00
136	Number of Rotary Clubs Sponsoring with MPB	20
137	Number of Early Childhood Educators	
138	Attending MPB Resource Workshops	
139	Involving PBS & MPB Programs/Content	250
140	Number of Childcare Centers Using PBS	
141	Content	30



142	Number of Parents Participating in	
143	Parents Are Teachers Too (PATT)	
144	Initiative	300
145	Technical Services	
146	Number of Transmitters On Air	8
147	On-Air Reliability (%)	99.95
148	Number of IT Help Desk Orders Filled	600
149	Administration	
150	Number of Community Engagements/Outreach	
151	Events Including Virtual Engagements	125
152	Number of State Agency Partners	40
153	New Grant Dollars Acquired	75,000.00
154	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
155	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
156	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
157	Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.	

158 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
159 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
160 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
161 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
162 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
163 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
164 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
165 made without competitive bids.



166 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an
167 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot
168 shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of
169 Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

170 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
171 Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus
172 on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

173 **SECTION 12.** Mississippi Authority for Educational Television
174 is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or
175 contribution from any individual, public, or private organization,
176 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational
177 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions
178 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of
179 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
180 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Two
181 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

182 **SECTION 13.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
183 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
184 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
185 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
186 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
187 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

188 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
189 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

