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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1602  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL  
3 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 support and maintenance  
8 of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the  
9 provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
11 .....\$ 10,576,872.00.

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



19 .....\$ 3,139,465.00.

20 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
21 this act, the following positions are authorized:

22 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

23 Permanent: 48

24 Time-Limited: 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 funds  
28 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
29 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi  
30 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
31 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
32 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
33 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
34 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
35 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
36 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 Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems  
65 under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid  
66 quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March  
67 31 and June 30.



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

78           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
79 Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred  
80 Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the  
81 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
82 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

83           **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
84 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
85 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
86 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
87 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
88 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
89 performance measures provided below:

90		FY2023
91	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
92	Administrative Services	



93	Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,350
94	Library Services	
95	Number of Continuing Education Workshops	
96	Held per Year	30
97	Percent Increase of Citizens Informed by	
98	Acquiring Needed Information Through	
99	Mississippi Libraries	1.00
100	Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
101	Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille,	
102	Audio, Etc	4,000
103	Number of Children Participating in	
104	Statewide Summer Library Prg	120,000
105	Number of Items Borrowed & Loaned on the	
106	Interlibrary Loan System	13,000
107	Number of Items Available for Use	
108	Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan	
109	System	5,000,000
110	Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	40,000,000
111	Number of Items Available for Use at MLC	
112	(Primary Resource Library)	100,000
113	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
114	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
115	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
116	Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.	



117           **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no  
118 less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
119 (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

120           **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
121 following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived  
122 from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
123 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for MAGNOLIA.....  
124 .....\$     350,000.00.

125           **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Four Million  
126 Seventy-eight Thousand Thirty-one Dollars (\$4,078,031.00) is  
127 provided for the cost of health insurance for all full-time  
128 library staff members in each public library in Mississippi.

129           **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
130 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
131 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
132 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
133 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
134 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
135 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
136 made without competitive bids.

137           **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
138 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
139 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
140 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
141 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally



142 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
143 actions contrary to this provision.

144         **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
145 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
146 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
147 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
148 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
149 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

150         **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
151 and after July 1, 2022.

