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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1620

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
3 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 authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the
8 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
11\$ 45,823,351.00.

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

14 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	39
16		Part Time.....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
18		Part Time.....	0



19 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
20 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
26 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall maintain
27 complete accounting and personnel records related to the
28 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
29 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
30 maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of
31 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
32 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
33 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
34 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request
35 process.

36 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
37 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
38 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
39 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
40 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
41 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
42 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
43 made without competitive bids.



44 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated herein, One Hundred
45 Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) is provided for salary
46 increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby
47 pay.

48 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
49 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall only expend
50 funds on activities directly related to the operation of the state
51 port.

52 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
53 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
54 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
55 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
56 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
57 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
58 actions contrary to this provision.

59 **SECTION 8.** The money appropriated under the provisions of
60 Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper
61 person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

62 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

