

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Parks, DeBar,
Simmons (13th), Williams

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3007

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE
3 FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR 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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
8 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying
9 the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the
10 Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 5,519,130.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and
16 Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 1,214,064.00.



18 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three
19 Hundred Three Thousand Five Dollars (\$303,005.00) shall be derived
20 from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant
21 to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

22 **SECTION 4.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
23 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
24 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
25 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

26 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if
27 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
28 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
29 research grants or donations, such special source funds not
30 classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for
31 under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the
32 Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be
33 included in all reports and requests for the 2023 Regular Session
34 of the Mississippi Legislature.

35 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
36 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to
37 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
38 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
39 during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

40 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
41 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
42 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things



43 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
44 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
45 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
46 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
47 made without competitive bids.

48 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
49 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
50 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
51 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
52 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
53 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
54 actions contrary to this provision.

55 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
56 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
57 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
58 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
59 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
60 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

61 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed from and after
63 June 30, 2022.

