

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Norwood,
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3021
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

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

9 June 30, 2023.....\$ 675,680.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
12 Treasury to the credit of the Ethics Commission, for the purpose
13 of defraying the expenses of the Ethics Commission of the State of
14 Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending

15 June 30, 2023.....\$ 10,000.00

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

18 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:



19 Permanent: 6

20 Time-Limited: 0

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

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26 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

27 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
28 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting
29 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
30 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
31 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
32 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
33 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to
34 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
35 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
36 during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

37 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
38 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
39 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
40 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
41 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
42 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



43 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
44 made without competitive bids.

45 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that of
46 the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, the Ethics Commission
47 is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty
48 insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

49 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
50 Section 2 of this act, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or so
51 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State
52 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
53 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
54 manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are
55 provided to upgrade and expand the Online Statement of Economic
56 Interest System at the Ethics Commission.

57 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
58 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
59 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
60 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
61 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
62 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
63 actions contrary to this provision.

64 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
65 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
66 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
67 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



68 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
69 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

70 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
71 and after July 1, 2022.

