

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Butler (36th), Hill, Jackson, Suber

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3035

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD  
3 OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
4 2023.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners  
9 for Licensed Professional Counselors, for the purpose of defraying  
10 the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..... \$ 230,618.00.

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 .....	2
16		Part Time .....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time .....	0
18		Part Time .....	0



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22 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

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

38 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
39 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
40 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
41 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
42 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
43 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



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

46         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
47 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
48 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
49 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
50 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
51 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
52 actions contrary to this provision.

53         **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
54 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
55 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
56 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
57 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
58 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

59         **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed from and after  
61 June 30, 2022.

