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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3057

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE  
2 "MISSISSIPPI HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUND," THE  
3 "MISSISSIPPI NURSING PRECEPTOR GRANT PROGRAM FUND," AND THE  
4 "MISSISSIPPI HEALTH SCIENCE TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM  
5 FUND" TO THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ALSO  
6 KNOWN AS ACCELERATE MS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE  
7 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) NURSE/HEALTH SCIENCE WORKFORCE  
8 DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION ACT" WHICH WILL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL  
9 TRAINING TO NURSES, PREMIUM PAYMENT TO PRECEPTORS WHO TRAIN NURSES  
10 AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS NECESSARY TO TRAIN HEALTH SCIENCE STUDENTS  
11 DUE TO THE VITAL NEED FOR NURSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND  
12 ALLOWABLE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR RELATED  
13 PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
16 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit  
17 of the "Mississippi Healthcare Workforce Development Program Fund"  
18 to the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development for the purpose  
19 described in this section, for the period beginning on July 1,  
20 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 .....\$ 12,000,000.00.

21 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of  
22 administering the "Mississippi Healthcare Workforce Development  
23 Program" as established in Senate Bill No. 2721, 2022 Regular



24 Session. This program provides grants that will be utilized to  
25 train nurses at Mississippi Community Colleges and Institutions of  
26 Higher Learning as allowable under Section 9901 of the American  
27 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation  
28 issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in  
29 conformity therewith.

30       **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
31 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit  
32 of the "Mississippi Nursing Preceptor Grant Program Fund" to the  
33 Mississippi Office of Workforce Development for the purpose  
34 described in this section, for the period beginning on July 1,  
35 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 .....\$ 17,000,000.00.

36       This additional appropriation is for the purpose of  
37 administering the "Mississippi Nursing Preceptor Grant Program" as  
38 established in Senate Bill No. 2721, 2022 Regular Session. This  
39 program provides grants to Mississippi licensed hospitals and  
40 Mississippi licensed long-term care facilities for premium  
41 payments to nursing preceptors who train nursing students at  
42 Mississippi Community Colleges, as allowable under Section 9901 of  
43 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or  
44 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury  
45 in conformity therewith.

46       **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
47 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit  
48 of the "Mississippi Health Science Training Infrastructure Grant



49 Program Fund" to the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development  
50 for the purpose described in this section, for the period  
51 beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....  
52 .....\$ 20,000,000.00.

53 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of  
54 administering the "Mississippi Health Science Training  
55 Infrastructure Grant Program" as established in Senate Bill No.  
56 2721, 2022 Regular Session. This program provides reimbursable  
57 grants to any public or private Mississippi university or  
58 college's health science school to be used for allowable capital  
59 infrastructure to increase the number of health science students  
60 trained at the school(s), as allowable under Section 9901 of the  
61 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or  
62 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury  
63 in conformity therewith.

64 **SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section and Section 5 of  
65 this act, the term "office" means the Mississippi Office of  
66 Workforce Development.

67 (2) The office shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
68 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
69 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
70 the office's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
71 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
72 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
73 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,



74 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
75 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
76 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
77 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
78 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
79 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
80 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of (ARPA). In  
81 addition, the office shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
82 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
83 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
84 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
85 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
86 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
87 requirements.

88       **SECTION 5.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
89 the funds appropriated to the office under this act, the office  
90 shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that  
91 each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the office under  
92 this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules,  
93 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
94 time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding  
95 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
96 established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

97       (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
98 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of



99 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
100 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the  
101 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the office or  
102 recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds  
103 appropriated to the office under this act for any purpose that is  
104 not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules,  
105 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
106 time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding  
107 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
108 established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the  
109 State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government  
110 for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General  
111 determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the  
112 office or recipient, then the office or recipient that expended or  
113 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
114 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
115 the federal government.

116       **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
117 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
118 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, the  
119 State Fiscal Officer may issue warrants up to five-sixths (5/6) of  
120 the funds which shall be paid upon the passage of this act and the  
121 remaining balance shall be paid upon the receipt of the  
122 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal  
123 government; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants



124 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
125 officers, in the manner provided by law.

126           **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
127 and after its passage.

