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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.

