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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3058

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE "HOSPITAL
2 NURSING AND RESPIRATORY THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT
3 PROGRAM FUND" TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
4 HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
5 "HOSPITAL NURSES AND RESPIRATORY THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL RETENTION
6 LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM" BY THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT
7 FINANCIAL AID; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit
11 of the "Hospital Nursing and Respiratory Therapist Loan Repayment
12 Program Fund" to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
13 Higher Learning for the "Hospital Nurses and Respiratory Therapist
14 Retention Loan Repayment Program" authorized by law in Senate Bill
15 No. 2419, 2022 Regular Session, and administered by the
16 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the period
17 beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....
18\$ 6,000,000.00.

19 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred



21 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be
22 provided to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid for
23 administering the "Hospital Nurses and Respiratory Therapist
24 Retention Loan Repayment Program."

25 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of
26 this act, the term "office" means the Mississippi Office of
27 Student Financial Aid.

28 (2) The office shall not disburse any funds appropriated
29 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an
30 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in
31 the office's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
32 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as
33 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
34 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,
35 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or
36 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of
37 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not
38 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in
39 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,
40 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal
41 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of (ARPA). In
42 addition, the office shall ensure that all funds appropriated
43 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit
44 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the
45 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal



46 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient
47 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
48 requirements.

49 **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
50 the funds appropriated to the office under this act, the office
51 shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that
52 each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the office under
53 this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules,
54 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to
55 time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding
56 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
57 established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

58 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
59 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
60 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
61 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the
62 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the office or
63 recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds
64 appropriated to the office under this act for any purpose that is
65 not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules,
66 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to
67 time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding
68 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
69 established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the
70 State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government



71 for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General
72 determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the
73 office or recipient, then the office or recipient that expended or
74 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
75 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
76 the federal government.

77 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
78 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to
79 the credit of the proper fund as set forth in this act, upon
80 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
81 Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed
82 by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided
83 by law.

84 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
85 and after its passage.

