Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1521

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be provided to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid for administering the "Hospital Nurses and Respiratory Therapist Retention Loan Repayment Program."
SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "office" means the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

(2) The office shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the office's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of (ARPA). In addition, the office shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the office under this act, the office

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shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the office under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the office or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the office under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the office or recipient, then the office or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.
SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

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Secretary of the Senate