

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1600

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:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023,
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
16 Division.....\$ 277,950,843.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....
20\$ 76,688,587.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for

23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,
24 as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi
25 Code of 1972.....\$ 18,967,201.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,117,035,934.00.

29 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
30 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,490,642,565.00.

31 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
32 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special
33 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or
34 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following
35 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
36 June 30, 2023, as follows:

37 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
38 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
39 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
40 Division.....\$ 1,963,185,280.00.

41 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
42 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
43 Division of the State Department of Education.....
44\$ 21,693,254.00.

45 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
46 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
47 Program.....\$ 245,112,197.00.

48 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

49 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,229,990,731.00.

50 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
51 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars
52 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is
53 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
54 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of
55 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
56 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing
57 vision safety services.

58 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
59 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are
60 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
61 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
62 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

63 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the
64 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for
65 the following purposes:

66	Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....	\$ 6,805,774.00
67	Educable Child.....	\$ 7,000,000.00
68	Grants to school districts for	
69	capital facilities and buses.....	\$ 16,000,000.00
70	Instructional materials.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
71	Students with Special Needs.....	\$ 1,800,000.00
72	Implementing Performance-Based Data	
73	Collection and Accreditation	
74	Model.....	\$ 274,937.00

75	Testing.....	\$ 6,125,670.00
76	Mississippi School for Math and	
77	Science.....	\$ 125,000.00
78	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.	\$ 125,000.00
79	Early Learning Collaboratives.....	\$ 8,210,526.00
80	Early Learning Coaches.....	\$ 1,500,000.00
81	Math Coaches.....	\$ 5,000,000.00
82	WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, dual	
83	credit, International Baccalaureate,	
84	Cambridge, diploma	
85	endorsements.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
86	Mississippi Student Information	
87	System.....	\$ 7,649,540.00
88	Vocational Technical Grants.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
89	Mississippi School for the Deaf	
90	and Blind.....	\$ 1,207,037.00
91	TOTAL.....	\$ 83,823,484.00

92 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
93 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
94\$ 5,637,258.00.

95 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
96 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
97\$ 225,112,197.00.

98 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the
99 following positions are authorized for the State Department of

100 Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical
101 Education Division:

102 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

103	Permanent:	Full Time.....	307
104		Part Time.....	3
105	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	160
106		Part Time.....	0

107 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
108 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
109 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds
110 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
111 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi
112 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
113 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
114 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
115 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
116 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
117 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
118 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
119 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
120 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
121 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
122 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

123 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
124 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
125 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State

126 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
127 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
128 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
129 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
130 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
131 appropriated level.

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

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

140 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
141 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
142 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
143 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
144 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
145 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

146 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
147 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
148 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
149 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
150 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,
151 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education

152 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
 153 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
 154 below:

155		FY2023
156	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
157	Special Education	
158	Number of Special Education Teachers (FTE)	6,188
159	Number of Gifted Education Teachers	805
160	Percent Increase of Children with	
161	Disabilities in General Education Early	
162	Childhood Programs while Decreasing the	
163	Percent in Self-Contained Special	
164	Education Early Childhood Classrooms	76.00
165	General Administration	
166	Total Dollars Spent on General	
167	Administration	26,532,257.00
168	Percent of Total Budget Spent on General	
169	Administration	18.58
170	Create a Public-Facing Data System for	
171	All Stakeholders (%)	100.00
172	Create a User-Friendly Website for the	
173	Public & School Districts to Access Data	
174	to Make Decisions (%)	100.00
175	Create a Roadmap to Improve the	
176	Mississippi Student Information System	
177	(%)	100.00

178	Number of Research Results Published to	
179	Support Improved Student Outcomes &	
180	Teacher Effectiveness	9
181	Graduation & Career Readiness	
182	Percent Increase of Students Graduating	
183	from High School Ready for College or	
184	Career in Each Subgroup	88.00
185	Early Childhood Education	
186	Percent Increase of Kindergarten	
187	Students Achieving End-Of-Year Target	
188	Score on Kindergarten Readiness	
189	Post-Test	68.88
190	Percent Increase of Early Learning	
191	Collaborative Sites Meeting Required	
192	Rate of Readiness	95.00
193	Number of Students Enrolled in Title I	
194	or Locally Funded Pre-K Classes	8,022
195	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
196	Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
197	Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
198	Are High Poverty (%)	80.00
199	Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
200	Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
201	Are High Minority (%)	31.00
202	Percent Increase of Districts Reporting	
203	Professional Growth System (PGS) Ratings	

204	for Teachers & Leaders	51.08
205	Percent Increase of Teacher Candidates	
206	Passing Licensure Exams on the First	
207	Attempt	25.00
208	Increase the Number of Licensed, Diverse	
209	Teachers & Leaders	24
210	Elementary Education	
211	Percent Increase of Students who Pass	
212	the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment at the	
213	First Administration in Each Subgroup	80.00
214	Secondary Education	
215	Increase the Number of Students	
216	Participating in & Passing Advanced	
217	Placement (AP), International	
218	Baccalaureate (IB) & Cambridge Exams in	
219	Each Subgroup	37.00
220	Percent Increase of Students Ready for	
221	College as Measured by Meeting ACT	
222	Benchmarks in Each	
223	Content Area (Public School Class Data,	
224	Grade 11)	11.00
225	Assessment & Development	
226	Increase the Percent of Students	
227	Proficient (Levels 4-5) on Statewide	
228	Assessments (Grades 3-8 & High School	
229	Composite) in Each Subgroup	50.07

230	Decrease the Percent of Students Scoring	
231	Levels 1-3 on Statewide Assessments in	
232	Each Subgroup	49.93
233	Increase Percent of Pre-Kindergarten	
234	Students in Public Schools Attaining	
235	Kindergarten Readiness on the Pre-K	
236	End-Of-Year Assessment	72.00
237	School Performance	
238	Percent of Schools Rated "C" or Higher	77.00
239	Percent of Districts Rated "C" or Higher	72.90
240	Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	
241	on Statewide ELA Assessments in Each	
242	Subgroup	65.63
243	Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	
244	on Statewide Math Assessments in Each	
245	Subgroup	64.43
246	Percent of Students Participating in	
247	Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	50.00
248	Percent of Students Passing Dual Credit	
249	in Each Subgroup	98.00
250	Increase the Growth of D & F Districts	
251	Demonstrating Growth, by Improving the	
252	Letter Grade	
253	and/or Increasing the Number of Points	
254	within a Letter Grade	76.00
255	Increase the Growth of D & F Schools by	

256 Improving the Letter Grade and/or
257 Increasing the Number of Points within a
258 Letter Grade 70.00

259 Increase the Growth of Districts of
260 Transformation by Improving the Letter
261 Grade and/or Increasing the Number of
262 Points within a Letter Grade 100.00

263 Increase the Growth of Schools Under
264 Districts of Transformation by Improving
265 the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the
266 Number of Points within a Letter Grade 100.00

267 Decrease the Number of High Schools
268 Rated D or F 55

269 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
270 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
271 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
272 Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

273 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,
274 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
275 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
276 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
277 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
278 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
279 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
280 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

281 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
282 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
283 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
284 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
285 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
286 the School for Math and Science.

287 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
288 this act, the following positions are authorized for the
289 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
290 Department of Education:

291 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

292	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
293		Part Time.....	0
294	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
295		Part Time.....	0

296 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
297 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
298 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds
299 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
300 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi
301 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
302 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
303 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
304 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
305 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
306 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for

307 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
308 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
309 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
310 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
311 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

312 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
313 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
314 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
315 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
316 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
317 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
318 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
319 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
320 appropriated level.

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

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

329 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
330 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
331 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
332 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the

333 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
334 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

335 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
336 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
337 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
338 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
339 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
340 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

341 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
342 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
343 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
344 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
345 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
346 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
347 soil conservation equipment.

348 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more
349 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is
350 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of
351 America Center.

352 **SECTION 13.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
353 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
354 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
355 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
356 improper expenditure, for the following:

357 Detention Centers.....\$ 1,200,000.00.
358 Dubard School.....\$ 650,000.00.

359	Dyslexia Program.....	\$	500,000.00.
360	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$	600,000.00.
361	Stride.....	\$	600,000.00.
362	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$	800,000.00.
363	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$	800,000.00.
364	Principal Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
365	Sight Savers.....	\$	300,000.00.
366	Teach for America.....	\$	1,250,000.00.
367	Teacher Corp.....	\$	200,000.00.
368	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$	750,000.00.
369	Vision Screening Research.....	\$	225,000.00.
370	Algebra Nation.....	\$	800,000.00.
371	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$	212,500.00.
372	T. K. Martin Center.....	\$	75,000.00.
373	ACT Preparation Courses.....	\$	350,000.00.
374	Total.....	\$	9,512,500.00.

375 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
376 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
377 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
378 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
379 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
380 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
381 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.
382 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
383 College and Career Standards.

384 Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to
385 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to
386 the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and
387 used for computer science programs development and teacher
388 training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools
389 for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula,
390 including both academic and career and technical education
391 programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working
392 with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher
393 Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for
394 computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018
395 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College
396 and Career Standards.

397 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
398 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
399 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
400 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
401 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
402 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
403 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
404 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
405 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
406 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
407 Year 1985.

408 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
409 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as

410 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
411 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2023 shall be Six Thousand Five
412 Hundred Thirty-two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$6,532.20).

413 **SECTION 17.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
414 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
415 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
416 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
417 increment.

418 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
419 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
420 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
421 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
422 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
423 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
424 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the
425 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
426 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
427 Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process for each agency and
428 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

429 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the
430 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million
431 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for
432 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred
433 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class
434 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers
435 seeking National Board Certification.

436 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
437 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
438 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
439 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
440 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child
441 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
442 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state
443 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
444 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts
445 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the
446 Office of the Governor.

447 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
448 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
449 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.
450 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship
451 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department
452 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

453 **SECTION 22.** The public school districts of the state are
454 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
455 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
456 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
457 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
458 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
459 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
460 this purpose.

461 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
462 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
463 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
464 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
465 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
466 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
467 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
468 made without competitive bids.

469 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
470 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred
471 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the
472 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance
473 Officers.

474 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
475 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand
476 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
477 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
478 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is
479 provided from the Department of Health.

480 **SECTION 26.** The State Department of Education shall contract
481 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
482 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
483 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
484 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
485 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
486 calculating the estimates of these components due to the

487 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
488 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
489 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding
490 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
491 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2023.

492 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
493 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
494 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
495 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

496 **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
497 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
498 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
499 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
500 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health
501 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
502 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

503 **SECTION 29.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
504 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under
505 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the
506 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a
507 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

508 **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
509 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
510 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
511 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
512 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency

513 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
514 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
515 June 30, 2023. The school districts receiving these loans shall
516 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
517 loan on or before June 30, 2023.

518 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
519 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
520 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2022.

521 **SECTION 32.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
522 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
523 local funds for implementation of the program.

524 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
525 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
526 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
527 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)
528 may be used for training and administrative costs related to
529 oversight and auditing of the program.

530 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
531 Section 2(a), Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is provided
532 for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding
533 shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year
534 2023 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
535 (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One
536 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a
537 half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section
538 37-21-51.

539 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
540 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred
541 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative
542 and Assessment.

543 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
544 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
545 of the state accountability model.

546 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
547 Million Six Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Three Hundred
548 Thirty-seven Dollars (\$2,667,337.00) shall be used for the
549 Mississippi School of the Arts and Three Million Eight Hundred
550 Eighty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-four Dollars
551 (\$3,882,894.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for
552 Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature
553 that of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) for the Mississippi
554 School of the Arts, One Million Three Hundred Thirty-three
555 Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$1,333,669.00) shall be
556 paid to the school no later than July 10, 2022, and One Million
557 Three Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars
558 (\$1,333,669.00) shall be paid no later than January 10, 2023. All
559 funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the Mississippi School of
560 the Arts shall be paid to the school each month within ten (10)
561 working days after such amount was received by the Department of
562 Education. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
563 Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts

564 provided in this act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and
565 the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

566 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and
567 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is
568 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
569 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
570 1972.

571 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the
572 following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind
573 and Deaf: Nine Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand One Hundred
574 Seventy-six Dollars (\$9,990,176.00) from Section 1(a), One Million
575 Two Hundred Seven Thousand Thirty-seven Dollars (\$1,207,037.00)
576 from Section 4(a), and Two Million One Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand
577 Seven Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,159,725.00) from Section
578 2(a).

579 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an
580 amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-seven Million Two Hundred
581 Thirty-seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-one Dollars
582 (\$177,237,481.00) shall be allocated for the purpose of providing
583 funds to each public school district in the state for an annual
584 salary increase as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedule in
585 Sections 37-19-7 and 37-21-7, for the 2022-2023 school year, and
586 school years thereafter.

587 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
588 not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Four
589 Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,680,414.00) is authorized to fully

590 fund the contract between the Department of Education and the
591 Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund
592 career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and
593 career and technical assessments.

594 **SECTION 42.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
595 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education
596 Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of
597 Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
598 Education Enhancement Fund, as authorized in HB 1387, 2021 Regular
599 Session, to provide upgrades for the Mississippi Student
600 Information System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and
601 ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 5,100,000.00.

602 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
603 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
604 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

605 **SECTION 43.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
606 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
607 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
608 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
609 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
610 officers in the manner provided by law.

611 **SECTION 44.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
612 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year
613 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),
614 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of
615 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

616 **SECTION 45.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
617 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 29, 2022.

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

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL
4 YEAR 2023.

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