

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1518**

**BY: Committee**

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

10           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit  
12 of the "COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program  
13 Fund" to the Department of Finance and Administration for the  
14 purposes described in this section, for the period beginning on  
15 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....\$ 30,000,000.00.

16           This additional appropriation is for the purpose of  
17 administering the "COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization  
18 Grant Program" established in Senate Bill No. 2849, 2022 Regular  
19 Session. This program provides grants to Destination Marketing



20 Organizations that support the tourism industry which was  
21 negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under  
22 Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any  
23 guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of  
24 the Treasury in conformity therewith.

25 **SECTION 2.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no  
26 funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee  
27 premium payments.

28 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of  
29 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance  
30 and Administration.

31 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
32 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
33 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
34 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
35 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
36 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
37 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
38 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
39 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
40 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
41 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
42 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
43 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
44 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In



45 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
46 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
47 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
48 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
49 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
50 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
51 requirements.

52         **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
53 the funds granted to the Destination Marketing Organizations (DMO)  
54 under this act, each DMO shall certify to the Department of  
55 Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds  
56 appropriated to the department and provided to them under this act  
57 complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or  
58 other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United  
59 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from  
60 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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



70 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
71 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
72 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
73 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
74 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or  
75 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or  
76 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
77 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
78 the federal government.

79       **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
80 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
81 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, the  
82 State Fiscal Officer may issue warrants up to one-third (1/3) of  
83 the funds which shall be paid upon the passage of this act and the  
84 remaining balance shall be paid upon the receipt of the  
85 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal  
86 government; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants  
87 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
88 officers, in the manner provided by law.

89       **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
90 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:**

1       AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE "COVID-19  
2       DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM FUND" TO THE



3 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE  
4 "COVID-19 DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM" TO  
5 PROVIDE GRANTS TO DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT  
6 THE TOURISM INDUSTRY WHICH WAS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19  
7 PANDEMIC AS ALLOWABLE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

