

By: Representatives Mims, Faulkner, McGee

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 271

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE
2 FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE HEALTH CARE IMPACT GRANT
4 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 273, 2023 REGULAR SESSION,
5 FOR HOSPITALS AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
9 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise
10 appropriated, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of
11 funding the Health Care Impact Grant Program for hospitals and
12 long-term care facilities established in House Bill No. 273, 2023
13 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023,
14 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 77,000,000.00.

15 **SECTION 2.** The funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act
16 shall be distributed by the department to hospitals and nursing
17 facilities, in accordance with the provisions of House Bill No.
18 273, 2023 Regular Session, as follows:

19 (a) Hospitals.....\$ 70,000,000.00



20 (b) Long-term care facilities.....7,000,000.00
21 TOTAL.....\$ 77,000,000.00

22 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of
23 this act, the term "department" means the State Department of
24 Health.

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



44 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
45 requirements.

46 **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
47 the funds granted under this act, each entity shall certify to the
48 Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of
49 the funds appropriated to the department and granted to them under
50 this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules,
51 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to
52 time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding
53 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
54 established by ARPA.

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



69 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or
70 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
71 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
72 the federal government.

73 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
74 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State
75 Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon
76 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
77 Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed
78 by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided
79 by law.

80 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
81 and after July 1, 2023.

