

By: Representatives Mims, Faulkner, McGee

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 271
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL
3 SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SENATE BILL NO.
4 2372, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE
5 PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 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 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
10 Department of Health for the purpose of funding the Mississippi
11 Hospital Sustainability Grant Program established under Senate
12 Bill No. 2372, 2023 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon
13 the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024.....
14\$ 103,700,000.00.

15 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the
16 department is authorized to expend not more than Seven Hundred
17 Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) for administrative expenses in
18 administering the grant program.



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

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

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



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

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



69 required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of
70 Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

71 **SECTION 5.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
72 be used to pay employee premium payments.

73 **SECTION 6.** 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 Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
76 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
77 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
78 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

79 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after its passage.

