

By: Representatives Harness, Denton, Foster, Paden, Thompson To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
3 FUNDING TO ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
4 RESEARCH PROGRAM ON THE INDOOR PRODUCTION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR
5 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 State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State
10 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of providing
11 funding to Alcorn State University for the research program
12 described in Section 2 of this act for the fiscal year beginning
13 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024..... \$ 2,500,000.00.

14 SECTION 2. The money appropriated by Section 1 of this act
15 shall be used to defray the expenses of establishing a policy and
16 production research program at Alcorn State University on the
17 indoor production of medical marijuana, including the costs of
18 construction of a laboratory, office space and greenhouse research
19 center, and for conducting educational, research, agribusiness,



20 extension and outreach programs relating to the indoor cultivation  
21 of medical marijuana.

22       **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
23 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
24 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
25 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue the  
26 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
27 officers in the manner provided by law.

28       **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2023.

