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To: Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 604

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; SECTION 27-104-325, MISSISSIPPI  
3 CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY  
4 LOST REVENUE FUND; SECTION 37-106-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
5 WHICH CREATED THE NURSING AND RESPIRATORY THERAPY EDUCATION  
6 INCENTIVE PROGRAM; SECTION 41-3-16.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
7 WHICH CREATED THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE  
8 GRANT PROGRAM; SECTION 41-14-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH  
9 CREATED THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL EXPANDED CAPACITY PROGRAM; SECTION  
10 49-2-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI  
11 MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT;  
12 SECTION 57-123-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED A  
13 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST DESTINATION MARKETING  
14 ORGANIZATIONS IN PAYING COSTS FOR MARKETING ACTIVITIES; SECTION  
15 57-123-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO  
16 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MISSISSIPPI NONPROFIT MUSEUMS; AND SECTION  
17 57-123-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED A PROGRAM TO  
18 PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND  
19 SECTION 27-104-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS  
20 IN THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO BE USED FOR  
21 PAYING EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN  
22 ADMINISTERING EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION  
23 41-139-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
24 OF THE COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI LOCAL PROVIDER INNOVATION GRANT  
25 PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS THAT WERE APPROVED  
26 AND FUNDED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF GRANTS AWARDED DURING FISCAL YEAR  
27 2023 ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF GRANTS AWARDED  
28 DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024; TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MAY BE USED FOR  
29 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES THAT WERE INCURRED BY PROVIDERS DURING  
30 THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON MARCH 3, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024;  
31 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE PROGRAM BE FUNDED FROM THE  
32 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAY EXPEND A PORTION OF THE AMOUNT  
34 APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THE EXPENSES OF ADMINISTERING THE



35 PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 45-2-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
36 REVISE THE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT  
37 AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; TO CLARIFY THE AMOUNT OF  
38 PREMIUM PAY THAT A PERSON MAY RECEIVE FROM THIS PROGRAM IF THEY  
39 RECEIVED PREMIUM PAY FROM THEIR EMPLOYER; TO AMEND SECTION  
40 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SHERIFFS MAY  
41 RECEIVE THE PREMIUM PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 45-2-41, AS PART OF  
42 THEIR COMPENSATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

44 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
45 amended as follows:

46 27-104-321. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the  
47 State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
48 Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
49 (Public Law No. 117-2) shall be deposited into the Coronavirus  
50 State Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this  
51 section.

52 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to  
53 be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund."  
54 The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited  
55 into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds  
56 appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any  
57 manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit  
58 into the special fund. Monies in the fund shall only be spent  
59 upon appropriation by the Legislature, and shall only be used as  
60 provided in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section  
61 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No.  
62 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or  
63 guidelines, and also may be used for paying expenses of the



64 department of finance and administration in administering  
65 expenditures from the funds.

66 (3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the  
67 end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund  
68 but shall remain in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.  
69 Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the  
70 special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

71 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-104-325, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
72 brought forward as follows:

73 27-104-325. There is created in the State Treasury a special  
74 fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
75 Lost Revenue Fund," which shall consist of funds calculated based  
76 on a reduction in the state's general revenue due to the  
77 coronavirus public health emergency, made available through the  
78 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American  
79 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and transferred into the fund by act of  
80 the Legislature. The fund shall be maintained by the State  
81 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from  
82 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in  
83 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
84 State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned  
85 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the  
86 fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of  
87 Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature,  
88 for the purpose of providing government services.



89           **SECTION 3.** Section 37-106-60, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
90 brought forward as follows:

91           37-106-60. (1) This section shall be known as the Nursing  
92 and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program.

93           (2) There is created a forgivable loan program for study in  
94 nursing to become a licensed practical nurse or a registered  
95 nurse, for advanced study in nursing by licensed registered  
96 nurses, or for study in respiratory therapy to become a  
97 respiratory therapist. Forgivable loans are established and shall  
98 be allocated to students who: (a) are accepted and enrolled in an  
99 accredited nursing program or respiratory therapy program approved  
100 by the board; (b) complete an application by the deadline  
101 established by the board; and (c) enter into contract with the  
102 board, obligating themselves to pursue to completion the course of  
103 study agreed upon, and following the completion of the course of  
104 study, to practice nursing or respiratory therapy, as the case may  
105 be, in the State of Mississippi for not less than five (5) years.

106           (3) Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as  
107 outlined in Section 37-106-53, except that the following  
108 provisions shall apply instead of subsection (1)(b) of that  
109 section: In lieu of payment in full of both principal and  
110 interest, a loan recipient under this section may elect to repay  
111 by entry into service employment as provided in subsection (2)(c)  
112 of this section. Repayment under this option shall convert the  
113 loan to an interest-free scholarship and discharge the same, on



114 the basis of one fifth (1/5) of the total loan amount for each  
115 full year of service, or the appropriate proportion of the total  
116 outstanding balance of principal and interest, all as established  
117 by rule and regulation of the board. If at any time before the  
118 repayment in full of the total obligation the recipient abandons  
119 or abrogates repayment by this service option, the provisions of  
120 Section 37-106-53(1)(c) shall apply.

121 (4) The board shall establish the rules and regulations as  
122 it deems necessary and proper to carry out the purposes and intent  
123 of this section.

124 **SECTION 4.** Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
125 brought forward as follows:

126 41-3-16.1. (1) The State Department of Health (department)  
127 shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural  
128 Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to  
129 assist rural water associations in the construction of eligible  
130 drinking water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final  
131 Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as  
132 established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

133 (2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the  
134 Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal  
135 Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for  
136 the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section. It is  
137 the intent of the Legislature that, in the first fiscal year after  
138 April 25, 2022, twenty percent (20%) of the funds appropriated to



139 the department for the program be obligated to projects that have  
140 completed plans and specifications, acquired all necessary land  
141 and/or easements, and are ready to proceed to construction.

142 (3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline  
143 set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of  
144 the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and  
145 guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through  
146 ARPA.

147 (4) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking  
148 the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include  
149 the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact  
150 of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to  
151 address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the  
152 extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the  
153 number of people served by the project (both new and existing  
154 users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/  
155 overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts  
156 to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives;  
157 (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or  
158 in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant  
159 applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical  
160 operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant  
161 applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner  
162 and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by



163 rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the  
164 Treasury for ARPA funds.

165 (5) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
166 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
167 information as the department prescribes.

168 (6) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under  
169 this section, the department shall enter into a project grant  
170 agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant  
171 for the project, including the amount of the grant. The maximum  
172 amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water  
173 association from all grants under the program is Two Million Five  
174 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

175 (7) The department shall have all powers necessary to  
176 implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated  
177 to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%)  
178 may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of  
179 administering the program.

180 (8) In carrying out its responsibilities under the program,  
181 for any contract under the purview of the Public Procurement  
182 Review Board (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any  
183 requirement that the PPRB approve any personal or professional  
184 services contracts or pre-approve any solicitation of such  
185 contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

186 (9) The department shall submit an annual report regarding  
187 the program no later than December 31 of each year to the



188 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of  
189 the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

190 **SECTION 5.** Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
191 brought forward as follows:

192 41-14-31. (1) The Mississippi Department of Health shall  
193 establish and administer the Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity  
194 Program for the purpose of providing funds to hospitals that  
195 increased treatment capacity related to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
196 The program shall make grants to hospitals as a reimbursement for  
197 expenses incurred during the period beginning on March 3, 2021,  
198 through December 31, 2023, in the following manner:

199 (a) Funds shall first be expended for the reimbursement  
200 to hospitals for the creation of ICU beds at a maximum amount of  
201 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per bed. If the  
202 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all  
203 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this  
204 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the  
205 reimbursement to each hospital per ICU bed created.

206 (b) After such reimbursement is made in paragraph (a)  
207 of this subsection, any remaining funds shall be used to reimburse  
208 hospitals for the creation of negative pressure beds at a maximum  
209 amount of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per bed. If the  
210 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all  
211 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this





212 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the  
213 reimbursement to each hospital per negative pressure bed created.

214 (2) The Department of Health shall:

215 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to  
216 implement the purposes of this act.

217 (b) Require all applications for grants to be filed no  
218 later than December 31, 2023.

219 (c) Require recipients of funds under this program to  
220 certify that the reimbursement for the creation of the intensive  
221 care units or negative pressure room is for allowable expenditures  
222 under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Public Law  
223 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act; and its  
224 implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other  
225 criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by  
226 the United States Department of the Treasury.

227 (d) Certify to the Department of Finance and  
228 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to  
229 the office under this act is in compliance with the guidelines,  
230 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
231 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
232 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State  
233 Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of ARPA.

234 (3) The department shall not:



235 (a) Reimburse hospitals for funds expended by the  
236 "Mississippi ICU Infrastructure Act," Sections 41-14-1 through  
237 41-14-11.

238 (b) Reimburse hospitals for professional fees expended  
239 in the creation of the beds.

240 (4) The Department of Health may retain up to One Hundred  
241 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the funds appropriated to  
242 the program established in this act to pay reasonable expenses  
243 incurred in the administration of the program.

244 (5) The department shall operate and administer the grant  
245 program from funds appropriated by the Legislature from the  
246 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

247 (6) The Department of Health shall submit to the Joint  
248 Legislative Budget Committee before October 1 of each year an  
249 annual report containing, at a minimum, the number of submitted  
250 applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each hospital  
251 for both ICU beds and negative pressure beds, and the number of  
252 ICU beds and negative pressure beds that were provided a  
253 reimbursement.

254 (7) This act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

255 **SECTION 6.** Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
256 amended as follows:

257 41-139-1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms  
258 shall be defined as provided in this subsection:



259 (a) "Local health care provider" or "provider" means a  
260 facility that is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or  
261 permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course of  
262 business in the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited  
263 to, skilled nursing facilities, direct primary care clinics,  
264 provider owned clinics, rural health clinics, academic medical  
265 centers, community health centers and/or independent physician  
266 practices.

267 (b) "Transitional assistance" means any assistance  
268 related to changing a provider's current health care delivery  
269 model to a model more appropriate for the community that the  
270 provider serves, including, but not limited to:

271 (i) Conducting a market study of health care  
272 services needed and provided in the community;

273 (ii) Acquiring and implementing new technological  
274 tools and infrastructure, including, but not limited to,  
275 telemedicine delivery methods, development of health information  
276 exchange platforms to electronically share medical records,  
277 electronic health record optimization, purchasing connected  
278 devices, upgrading digital devices, improving broadband  
279 connectivity, public health reporting, and implementing online or  
280 mobile patient appointment management applications; and

281 (iii) Supporting the implementation of population  
282 health management.



283           (2) There is established the COVID-19 Mississippi Local  
284 Provider Innovation Grant Program to be administered by the State  
285 Department of Health. The program and any grant awarded under the  
286 program shall be for the purpose of strengthening and improving  
287 the health care system and increasing access to health care  
288 services providers to help communities achieve and maintain  
289 optimal health by providing transitional assistance to providers.  
290 The department may award an innovation grant to a local health  
291 care provider that applies in accordance with this section.

292           (3) Eligible local health care providers shall provide the  
293 following information to the department in their application for a  
294 grant:

295                   (a) A description of the location or locations for  
296 which the grant monies will be expended, including the name and  
297 locations of where the provider administers health care services;

298                   (b) A statement of the amount of grant monies  
299 requested;

300                   (c) A description of the needs of the provider, the  
301 transitional assistance for which the grant monies will be  
302 expended and how such transitional assistance will meet the stated  
303 needs;

304                   (d) Evidence that the provider has played an active  
305 role in the community to combat the spread of COVID-19, including,  
306 but not limited to, testing, vaccination and antibody treatment;  
307 and



308 (e) Any other information that the department deems  
309 necessary to administer this section.

310 (4) Applicants are limited to one (1) application per  
311 business entity as determined by the applicant's business filing  
312 status with the Secretary of State. Subsidiaries of the entity  
313 are not eligible to submit separate applications. Health systems  
314 that affiliate, own or control multiple clinics are only eligible  
315 to submit to one (1) application under the parent entity. The  
316 department shall determine the amount of the grant to be awarded  
317 to each applicant based on the factors detailed in the  
318 application \* \* \*. Applicants for grants that were approved and  
319 funded in the first round of grants awarded during fiscal year  
320 2023 are eligible to apply for the second round of grants awarded  
321 during fiscal year 2024. The maximum amount of \* \* \* any one (1)  
322 grant that may be awarded to an applicant \* \* \* is Two Hundred  
323 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). Grants may be used for  
324 reimbursement of expenses of transitional assistance meeting  
325 federal and state requirements that were incurred by providers  
326 during the period beginning on March 3, 2021, through December 31,  
327 2024.

328 (5) \* \* \* The department may expend up to one and one-half  
329 percent (1-1/2%) of the amount appropriated for the program for  
330 the expenses of administering the program, or the specific amount  
331 authorized for administrative expenses in the appropriation bill  
332 if that amount is higher.



333           **SECTION 7.** Section 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
334 amended as follows:

335           45-2-41. (1) There is created the "Mississippi Law  
336 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program," which shall be  
337 administered by the Department of Public Safety to provide premium  
338 pay to those law enforcement officers and firefighters in the  
339 State of Mississippi as provided for in subsection (2) of this  
340 section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Public Safety  
341 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all  
342 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the  
343 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund for the  
344 program established under this section.

345           (2) The program shall be funded from monies appropriated by  
346 the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost  
347 Revenue Fund for that purpose. The Department of Public Safety  
348 shall distribute the monies for the program in accordance with the  
349 following:

350           (a) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay  
351 shall be paid to each eligible individual, except as otherwise  
352 provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (2).

353           (b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time  
354 and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time  
355 and part-time firefighters who are serving in the State of  
356 Mississippi on July 1, 2022, except those excluded under  
357 paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection (2). If a person is an



358 eligible individual in more than one (1) position covered under  
359 this paragraph, that person shall only be eligible for one (1)  
360 payment of premium pay under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

361 (c) Any law enforcement officer who received hazard pay  
362 from the Governor's discretionary funds authorized by the  
363 Legislature from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic  
364 Security Act is not eligible to receive monies under this section.

365 (d) Any law enforcement officer or firefighter who  
366 received One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more of premium pay  
367 from the county, municipality or other governmental entity that  
368 employed them from funds received under the federal American  
369 Rescue Plan Act is not eligible to receive monies under this  
370 section. However, any law enforcement officer or firefighter who  
371 received less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay  
372 from the county, municipality or other governmental entity that  
373 employed them from funds received under the federal American  
374 Rescue Plan Act is eligible to receive from the monies under this  
375 section the difference between the amount of premium pay received  
376 from their employer and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

377 ( \* \* \*e) The department also shall distribute monies  
378 to counties, municipalities and other governmental entities that,  
379 before July 1, 2022, paid premium pay to law enforcement officers  
380 and firefighters employed by them from funds received under the  
381 federal American Rescue Plan Act, to reimburse those governmental  
382 entities for not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the



383 amount of premium pay that the governmental entity paid to each  
384 recipient.

385         **SECTION 8.** Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
386 amended as follows:

387             25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections  
388 (2) through \* \* \* (12), the salaries of sheriffs of the various  
389 counties are fixed as full compensation for their services.

390             The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the  
391 total population of his county according to the latest federal  
392 decennial census in the following categories and for the following  
393 amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary  
394 authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon  
395 the population of the county according to the most recent federal  
396 decennial census:

397             (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
398 one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of One Hundred Four  
399 Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00).

400             (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
401 forty-four thousand (44,000) and not more than one hundred  
402 thousand (100,000), a salary of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars  
403 (\$95,000.00).

404             (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
405 thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than forty-four thousand  
406 (44,000), a salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).





407 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
408 twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) and not more than thirty  
409 thousand (30,000), a salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars  
410 (\$85,000.00).

411 (e) For counties with a total population of not more  
412 than twelve thousand five hundred (12,500), a salary of Eighty  
413 Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

414 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
415 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in  
416 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
417 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
418 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
419 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
420 county for the following reasons:

421 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
422 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

423 (b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
424 and maintains a community work center within the county;

425 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the  
426 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

427 (d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the  
428 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

429 (e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court  
430 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the  
431 Leflore County Courthouse;



432 (f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation  
433 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to  
434 provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as  
435 patients from within the county;

436 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support  
437 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the  
438 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the  
439 sheriff; and

440 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in  
441 place in Leflore County have been placed under the direction and  
442 control of the sheriff.

443 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
444 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its  
445 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
446 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
447 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
448 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
449 county for the following reasons:

450 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
451 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
452 the county;

453 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained  
454 within the county at Whitfield;



455 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for  
456 the care and treatment of persons with an intellectual disability,  
457 is located within the county;

458 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training  
459 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

460 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained  
461 within the county;

462 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,  
463 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within  
464 the county;

465 (g) The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International  
466 Airport is located within the county;

467 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located  
468 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;  
469 and

470 (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to  
471 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,  
472 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution  
473 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property  
474 located in Rankin County.

475 (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
476 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall  
477 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount  
478 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).



479           (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
480 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County, in its  
481 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
482 county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),  
483 payable beginning April 1, 1997.

484           (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
485 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall  
486 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount  
487 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature  
488 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this  
489 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

490                   (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any  
491 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one  
492 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
493 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

494                   (b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the  
495 seat of all state government offices;

496                   (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in  
497 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875)  
498 square miles;

499                   (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial  
500 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

501                   (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four  
502 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges  
503 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting



504 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for  
505 all;

506 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the  
507 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for  
508 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the  
509 county;

510 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State  
511 University, is located within the county;

512 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
513 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and  
514 hospital, is located within the county;

515 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's  
516 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

517 (j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the  
518 Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

519 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in  
520 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department  
521 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing  
522 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate  
523 detention facilities;

524 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more  
525 mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other  
526 sheriff's department in the state;

527 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains  
528 a restitution center within the county;



529           (n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly  
530 houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the  
531 Hinds County jail system; and

532           (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly  
533 asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and  
534 Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of  
535 Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

536           (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
537 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in  
538 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
539 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
540 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
541 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
542 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
543 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
544 correctional facility within the county.

545           (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
546 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in  
547 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
548 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
549 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
550 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
551 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
552 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
553 correctional facility within the county.



554 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
555 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its  
556 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
557 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
558 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
559 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
560 county for the following reasons:

561 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
562 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
563 the county;

564 (b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one  
565 thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were  
566 constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
567 the county; and

568 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located  
569 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff  
570 justifying additional compensation.

571 (10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
572 this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its  
573 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
574 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
575 (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the  
576 minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this  
577 subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements  
578 authorized in subsections (2) through (9).



579 (11) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1)  
580 and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10),  
581 the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay  
582 an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand  
583 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a  
584 juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the  
585 supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

586 (12) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1)  
587 and any supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (11), a  
588 sheriff may receive the premium pay provided for in Section  
589 45-2-41 as part of the sheriff's compensation.

590 ( \* \* \*13) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall  
591 be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by  
592 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;  
593 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and  
594 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be  
595 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If  
596 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments  
597 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
598 legal holiday.

599 (b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee  
600 collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the  
601 provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of  
602 Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries  
603 authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount





604 was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331,  
605 Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to  
606 the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

607 ( \* \* \*14) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty  
608 (20) hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement.  
609 Such courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law  
610 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education  
611 courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy  
612 or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

613 (b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers  
614 Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the  
615 expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance  
616 at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.

617 **SECTION 9.** Section 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
618 brought forward as follows:

619 49-2-131. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited  
620 as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure  
621 Grant Program Act of 2022."

622 (2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi  
623 Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality  
624 and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which  
625 municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not  
626 regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply for  
627 reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water,  
628 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the



629 Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made  
630 available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
631 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and  
632 counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery  
633 Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one  
634 matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a  
635 county transfers to a municipality or that a county or  
636 municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated by the  
637 Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one matching  
638 basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars  
639 (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local  
640 Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on  
641 the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be  
642 awarded to them under ARPA. The total funds provided for all  
643 two-to-one matches shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars  
644 (\$50,000,000.00). The dollar amount for professional fees that  
645 can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public  
646 utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the  
647 total project cost.

648 (3) For purposes of this section, unless the context  
649 requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings  
650 ascribed herein:

651 (a) "MCWI Grant Program" means the Mississippi  
652 Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.



653 (b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
654 of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social  
655 Security Act.

656 (c) "State Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus State  
657 Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of  
658 the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal  
659 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

660 (d) "Local Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus Local  
661 Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 603 of Title VI of  
662 the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal  
663 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

664 (e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
665 Quality.

666 (f) "Professional fees" means fees for the services of  
667 attorneys and engineering, surveying, and environmental studies.

668 (g) "Project" means the infrastructure improvements  
669 defined in an application that (i) complies with all requirements  
670 of ARPA, and (ii) is eligible for a grant award under this  
671 section.

672 (4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of  
673 Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations  
674 necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under  
675 this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The  
676 department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi



677 Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of  
678 this section.

679 (b) The Department of Health shall advise the  
680 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such  
681 rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking  
682 Water Act.

683 (5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated  
684 to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of  
685 Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding, including,  
686 but not be limited to, the following:

687 (a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

688 (b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a  
689 nonpoint source pollution management program established under the  
690 Clean Water Act (CWA);

691 (c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that  
692 treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

693 (d) Management and treatment of stormwater or  
694 subsurface drainage water;

695 (e) Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures;

696 (f) Development and implementation of a conservation  
697 and management plan under the CWA;

698 (g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth  
699 in the CWA;

700 (h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned  
701 treatment works;



702 (i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or  
703 subsurface drainage water;

704 (j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

705 (k) Transmission and distribution, including  
706 improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in  
707 infrastructure and lead service line replacements;

708 (l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water  
709 or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and  
710 recovery system for water storage;

711 (m) Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent  
712 contaminants or equalize water demands;

713 (n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of  
714 systems;

715 (o) New community water systems;

716 (p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement  
717 of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater  
718 infrastructure;

719 (q) Dam and reservoir rehabilitation, if the primary  
720 purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and  
721 project is necessary for the provision of drinking water;

722 (r) Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible  
723 under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure  
724 Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act; and

725 (s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or  
726 stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,



727 regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
728 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

729 (6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or  
730 public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service  
731 Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this  
732 section if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811,  
733 Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to  
734 the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them  
735 under this section is in compliance with ARPA guidelines,  
736 guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended  
737 from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury  
738 regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State  
739 Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the  
740 dates established by the department.

741 (7) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
742 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
743 information as the department prescribes. Each application for  
744 grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a)  
745 applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of  
746 project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by  
747 the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population,  
748 median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates);  
749 (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct  
750 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be  
751 received from the federal government, a certification that such



752 funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the  
753 application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated  
754 project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering  
755 services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information  
756 about status of obtaining any required permits.

757 (8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking  
758 the grant applications received. When applying the ranking  
759 system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects  
760 that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the  
761 department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction  
762 within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the  
763 municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide  
764 applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional  
765 consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system  
766 shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the  
767 environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed  
768 project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal  
769 requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes  
770 economic development; (d) the number of people served by the  
771 project and the number of communities the project serves; (e)  
772 impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened  
773 communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure  
774 funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the  
775 grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind  
776 cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's



777 long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and  
778 maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to  
779 initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed  
780 project by the deadline specified by the United States Department  
781 of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the  
782 project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional  
783 manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service  
784 infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and  
785 (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

786 (9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on  
787 addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community,  
788 including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that  
789 lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in  
790 unsewered areas and providing regional development of  
791 infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

792 (10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are  
793 received. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
794 shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary  
795 investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as  
796 defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable  
797 guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury.  
798 The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of  
799 recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of  
800 recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for  
801 its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the





802 recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.  
803 All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the  
804 executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the  
805 City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the  
806 Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury.  
807 Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a  
808 grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant.  
809 Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department  
810 obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department  
811 is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed;  
812 however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of  
813 the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded  
814 by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the  
815 second or subsequent rounds which shall occur no later than six  
816 (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment  
817 between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent  
818 (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the  
819 three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater  
820 projects and stormwater projects. In second or subsequent rounds,  
821 any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

822 (11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant  
823 funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the  
824 enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented  
825 and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must  
826 agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow



827 all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound  
828 practices in the administration of the funds.

829 (12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in  
830 compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or  
831 other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United  
832 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from  
833 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the  
834 American Rescue Plan of 2021.

835 (b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall  
836 be subject to audit by the United States Department of the  
837 Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office  
838 of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these  
839 programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the  
840 requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a  
841 portion of the funds received.

842 (13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor,  
843 Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen,  
844 and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual  
845 reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance  
846 and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of  
847 Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received,  
848 the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded  
849 to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each  
850 applicant, and status of each applicant's project.



851 (14) Grant funds shall be available under this section  
852 through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure  
853 deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs  
854 later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for  
855 which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by  
856 December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact  
857 an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds,  
858 then the grant recipient will complete the project through other  
859 funds.

860 (15) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality may  
861 retain an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total  
862 funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

863 (16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the  
864 Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal  
865 or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the  
866 solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its  
867 responsibilities under this section. This subsection shall stand  
868 repealed on January 1, 2026.

869 (17) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on  
870 January 1, 2027.

871 **SECTION 10.** Section 57-123-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
872 brought forward as follows:

873 57-123-7. (1) As used in this section, the following words  
874 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section  
875 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:



876 (a) "Destination marketing organization" means:  
877 (i) Special local governmental units created by  
878 local and private laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose  
879 of tourism promotion, funded by special local tax levies, and  
880 staffed with professionals engaged in out-of-state tourism  
881 marketing and tourism product development for municipalities,  
882 counties and/or regions; or

883 (ii) Publicly-funded local organizations that  
884 engage in out-of-state tourism marketing and tourism development  
885 for municipalities, counties and/or regions.

886 (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing  
887 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and  
888 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel  
889 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public  
890 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group  
891 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to  
892 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption  
893 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1  
894 of Chapter 399, Laws of 2022.

895 (2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
896 establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist  
897 destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing  
898 activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the  
899 Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall  
900 be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions



901 on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
902 Fund for the program established under this section. The  
903 Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in  
904 conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the  
905 allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as  
906 follows:

907 (i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred  
908 Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars  
909 (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
910 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a  
911 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to  
912 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing  
913 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the  
914 2019 fiscal year, and

915 (ii) Not more than Twenty Million Five Hundred  
916 Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars  
917 (\$20,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
918 marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination  
919 marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism  
920 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit  
921 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination  
922 marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism  
923 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit  
924 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination  
925 marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than Two



926 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under this  
927 subparagraph (ii).

928 (b) Within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 2022, the  
929 Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the  
930 funds allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to  
931 eligible destination marketing organizations. Before receiving  
932 funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing  
933 organization must certify to the Department of Finance and  
934 Administration that:

935 (i) The funds will only be used for marketing  
936 activities, and

937 (ii) The destination marketing organization will  
938 comply with applicable federal and state regulations and  
939 requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and

940 (iii) The destination marketing organization will  
941 obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all  
942 funds by December 31, 2026.

943 (c) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds  
944 under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related  
945 to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving  
946 funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their  
947 marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel  
948 occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and  
949 analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such  
950 destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual



951 reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing  
952 activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the  
953 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
954 Representatives and the Department of Audit.

955 (d) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination  
956 marketing organizations will give preference, when available and  
957 practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts  
958 entered into for marketing activities.

959 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the  
960 Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the  
961 implementation of this section.

962 **SECTION 11.** Section 57-123-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
963 brought forward as follows:

964 57-123-9. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
965 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing assistance  
966 to Mississippi nonprofit museums as provided in this section.  
967 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration  
968 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all  
969 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the  
970 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established  
971 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration  
972 shall disburse funds under this section to nonprofit museums  
973 located in municipalities with a population of not more than fifty  
974 thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial census  
975 to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other



976 forms of promoting and publicizing nonprofit museums and museum  
977 related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades  
978 and improvements to such museums for health and safety purposes  
979 related to the Coronavirus Disease 19. Of the monies disbursed by  
980 the Department of Finance and Administration under this section,  
981 twenty-five percent (25%) of such monies shall be used to provide  
982 assistance for requests for assistance of less than Three Hundred  
983 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00); thirty-five percent (35%) of such  
984 monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for  
985 assistance of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or more  
986 but less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) and  
987 forty percent (40%) of such monies shall be used to provide  
988 assistance for requests for assistance of Seven Hundred Thousand  
989 Dollars (\$700,000.00) or more. A museum desiring assistance under  
990 this section must submit an application to the Department of  
991 Finance and Administration. The application must include a  
992 description of the purposes for which the assistance is requested,  
993 the amount of the assistance requested and any other information  
994 required by the department.

995 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have  
996 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

997 **SECTION 12.** Section 57-123-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
998 brought forward as follows:

999 57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
1000 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to





1001 Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section.  
 1002 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration  
 1003 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all  
 1004 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the  
 1005 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established  
 1006 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration  
 1007 shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street  
 1008 Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization  
 1009 grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

2020 population	Number of communities	Grant amount	Total grants
More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

1015 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have  
 1016 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

1017 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
 1018 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

