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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; SECTION 27-104-321, MISSISSIPPI
3 CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY
4 FUND; SECTION 27-104-325, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED
5 THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND; SECTION
6 37-106-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE NURSING AND
7 RESPIRATORY THERAPY EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM; SECTION
8 41-3-16.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE ARPA RURAL
9 WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM; SECTION 41-14-31,
10 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL
11 EXPANDED CAPACITY PROGRAM; SECTION 41-139-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
12 1972, WHICH CREATED THE COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI LOCAL PROVIDER
13 INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM; SECTION 45-2-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
14 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE
15 FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
16 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THE SALARIES FOR THE COUNTY SHERIFFS; SECTION
17 49-2-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI
18 MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT;
19 SECTION 57-123-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED A
20 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST DESTINATION MARKETING
21 ORGANIZATIONS IN PAYING COSTS FOR MARKETING ACTIVITIES; SECTION
22 57-123-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO
23 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MISSISSIPPI NONPROFIT MUSEUMS; AND SECTION
24 57-123-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED A PROGRAM TO
25 PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION; AND FOR
26 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

28 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 brought forward as follows:



30 27-104-321. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the
31 State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
32 Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
33 (Public Law No. 117-2) shall be deposited into the Coronavirus
34 State Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this
35 section.

36 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
37 be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund."
38 The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited
39 into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds
40 appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any
41 manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit
42 into the special fund. Monies in the fund shall only be spent
43 upon appropriation by the Legislature and shall only be used as
44 provided in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section
45 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No.
46 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or
47 guidelines.

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

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



55 27-104-325. There is created in the State Treasury a special
56 fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
57 Lost Revenue Fund," which shall consist of funds calculated based
58 on a reduction in the state's general revenue due to the
59 coronavirus public health emergency, made available through the
60 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American
61 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and transferred into the fund by act of
62 the Legislature. The fund shall be maintained by the State
63 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from
64 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in
65 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the
66 State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned
67 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the
68 fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of
69 Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
70 for the purpose of providing government services.

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

73 37-106-60. (1) This section shall be known as the Nursing
74 and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program.

75 (2) There is created a forgivable loan program for study in
76 nursing to become a licensed practical nurse or a registered
77 nurse, for advanced study in nursing by licensed registered
78 nurses, or for study in respiratory therapy to become a
79 respiratory therapist. Forgivable loans are established and shall



80 be allocated to students who: (a) are accepted and enrolled in an
81 accredited nursing program or respiratory therapy program approved
82 by the board; (b) complete an application by the deadline
83 established by the board; and (c) enter into contract with the
84 board, obligating themselves to pursue to completion the course of
85 study agreed upon, and following the completion of the course of
86 study, to practice nursing or respiratory therapy, as the case may
87 be, in the State of Mississippi for not less than five (5) years.

88 (3) Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as
89 outlined in Section 37-106-53, except that the following
90 provisions shall apply instead of subsection (1)(b) of that
91 section: In lieu of payment in full of both principal and
92 interest, a loan recipient under this section may elect to repay
93 by entry into service employment as provided in subsection (2)(c)
94 of this section. Repayment under this option shall convert the
95 loan to an interest-free scholarship and discharge the same, on
96 the basis of one fifth (1/5) of the total loan amount for each
97 full year of service, or the appropriate proportion of the total
98 outstanding balance of principal and interest, all as established
99 by rule and regulation of the board. If at any time before the
100 repayment in full of the total obligation the recipient abandons
101 or abrogates repayment by this service option, the provisions of
102 Section 37-106-53(1)(c) shall apply.



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

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

108 41-3-16.1. (1) The State Department of Health (department)
109 shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural
110 Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to
111 assist rural water associations in the construction of eligible
112 drinking water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final
113 Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as
114 established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

115 (2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the
116 Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
117 Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for
118 the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section. It is
119 the intent of the Legislature that, in the first fiscal year after
120 April 25, 2022, twenty percent (20%) of the funds appropriated to
121 the department for the program be obligated to projects that have
122 completed plans and specifications, acquired all necessary land
123 and/or easements, and are ready to proceed to construction.

124 (3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline
125 set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of
126 the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and



127 guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through
128 ARPA.

129 (4) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking
130 the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include
131 the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact
132 of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to
133 address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the
134 extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the
135 number of people served by the project (both new and existing
136 users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/
137 overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts
138 to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives;
139 (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or
140 in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant
141 applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical
142 operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant
143 applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner
144 and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by
145 rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the
146 Treasury for ARPA funds.

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

150 (6) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under
151 this section, the department shall enter into a project grant



152 agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant
153 for the project, including the amount of the grant. The maximum
154 amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water
155 association from all grants under the program is Two Million Five
156 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

157 (7) The department shall have all powers necessary to
158 implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated
159 to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%)
160 may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of
161 administering the program.

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

168 (9) The department shall submit an annual report regarding
169 the program no later than December 31 of each year to the
170 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of
171 the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

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

174 41-14-31. (1) The Mississippi Department of Health shall
175 establish and administer the Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity
176 Program for the purpose of providing funds to hospitals that



177 increased treatment capacity related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
178 The program shall make grants to hospitals as a reimbursement for
179 expenses incurred during the period beginning on March 3, 2021,
180 through December 31, 2023, in the following manner:

181 (a) Funds shall first be expended for the reimbursement
182 to hospitals for the creation of ICU beds at a maximum amount of
183 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per bed. If the
184 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all
185 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this
186 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the
187 reimbursement to each hospital per ICU bed created.

188 (b) After such reimbursement is made in paragraph (a)
189 of this subsection, any remaining funds shall be used to reimburse
190 hospitals for the creation of negative pressure beds at a maximum
191 amount of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per bed. If the
192 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all
193 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this
194 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the
195 reimbursement to each hospital per negative pressure bed created.

196 (2) The Department of Health shall:

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

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



201 (c) Require recipients of funds under this program to
202 certify that the reimbursement for the creation of the intensive
203 care units or negative pressure room is for allowable expenditures
204 under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Public Law
205 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act; and its
206 implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other
207 criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by
208 the United States Department of the Treasury.

209 (d) Certify to the Department of Finance and
210 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to
211 the office under this act is in compliance with the guidelines,
212 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
213 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
214 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
215 Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of ARPA.

216 (3) The department shall not:

217 (a) Reimburse hospitals for funds expended by the
218 "Mississippi ICU Infrastructure Act," Sections 41-14-1 through
219 41-14-11.

220 (b) Reimburse hospitals for professional fees expended
221 in the creation of the beds.

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



226 (5) The department shall operate and administer the grant
227 program from funds appropriated by the Legislature from the
228 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

229 (6) The Department of Health shall submit to the Joint
230 Legislative Budget Committee before October 1 of each year an
231 annual report containing, at a minimum, the number of submitted
232 applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each hospital
233 for both ICU beds and negative pressure beds, and the number of
234 ICU beds and negative pressure beds that were provided a
235 reimbursement.

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

237 **SECTION 6.** Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
238 brought forward as follows:

239 41-139-1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms
240 shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

241 (a) "Local health care provider" or "provider" means a
242 facility that is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or
243 permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course of
244 business in the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited
245 to, skilled nursing facilities, direct primary care clinics,
246 provider owned clinics, rural health clinics, academic medical
247 centers, community health centers and/or independent physician
248 practices.

249 (b) "Transitional assistance" means any assistance
250 related to changing a provider's current health care delivery



251 model to a model more appropriate for the community that the
252 provider serves, including, but not limited to:

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

255 (ii) Acquiring and implementing new technological
256 tools and infrastructure, including, but not limited to,
257 telemedicine delivery methods, development of health information
258 exchange platforms to electronically share medical records,
259 electronic health record optimization, purchasing connected
260 devices, upgrading digital devices, improving broadband
261 connectivity, public health reporting, and implementing online or
262 mobile patient appointment management applications; and

263 (iii) Supporting the implementation of population
264 health management.

265 (2) There is established the COVID-19 Mississippi Local
266 Provider Innovation Grant Program to be administered by the State
267 Department of Health. The program and any grant awarded under the
268 program shall be for the purpose of strengthening and improving
269 the health care system and increasing access to health care
270 services providers to help communities achieve and maintain
271 optimal health by providing transitional assistance to providers.
272 The department may award an innovation grant to a local health
273 care provider that applies in accordance with this section.



274 (3) Eligible local health care providers shall provide the
275 following information to the department in their application for a
276 grant:

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

280 (b) A statement of the amount of grant monies
281 requested;

282 (c) A description of the needs of the provider, the
283 transitional assistance for which the grant monies will be
284 expended and how such transitional assistance will meet the stated
285 needs;

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

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

292 (4) Applicants are limited to one (1) application per
293 business entity as determined by the applicant's business filing
294 status with the Secretary of State. Subsidiaries of the entity
295 are not eligible to submit separate applications. Health systems
296 that affiliate, own or control multiple clinics are only eligible
297 to submit to one (1) application under the parent entity. The
298 department shall determine the amount of the grant to be awarded



299 to each applicant based on the factors detailed in the
300 application, with the maximum amount of a grant that may be
301 awarded to an applicant being Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
302 (\$250,000.00).

303 (5) The COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant
304 Program created under this section shall be funded by
305 appropriation of the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
306 Recovery Fund.

307 **SECTION 7.** Section 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
308 brought forward as follows:

309 45-2-41. (1) There is created the "Mississippi Law
310 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program," which shall be
311 administered by the Department of Public Safety to provide premium
312 pay to those law enforcement officers and firefighters in the
313 State of Mississippi as provided for in subsection (2) of this
314 section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Public Safety
315 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
316 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
317 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
318 under this section.

319 (2) The program shall be funded from monies appropriated by
320 the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
321 for that purpose. The Department of Public Safety shall
322 distribute the monies for the program in accordance with the
323 following:



324 (a) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay
325 shall be paid to each eligible individual.

326 (b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time
327 and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time
328 and part-time firefighters who are serving in the State of
329 Mississippi on July 1, 2022, except those excluded under paragraph
330 (c) of this subsection (2). If a person is an eligible individual
331 in more than one (1) position covered under this paragraph, that
332 person shall only be eligible for one (1) payment of premium pay
333 under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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

338 (d) The department also shall distribute monies to
339 counties, municipalities and other governmental entities that,
340 before July 1, 2022, paid premium pay to law enforcement officers
341 and firefighters employed by them from funds received under the
342 federal American Rescue Plan Act, to reimburse those governmental
343 entities for not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the
344 amount of premium pay that the governmental entity paid to each
345 recipient.

346 **SECTION 8.** Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
347 brought forward as follows:



348 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
349 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties
350 are fixed as full compensation for their services.

351 The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the
352 total population of his county according to the latest federal
353 decennial census in the following categories and for the following
354 amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary
355 authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon
356 the population of the county according to the most recent federal
357 decennial census:

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

361 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
362 forty-four thousand (44,000) and not more than one hundred
363 thousand (100,000), a salary of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars
364 (\$95,000.00).

365 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
366 thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than forty-four thousand
367 (44,000), a salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

368 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
369 twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) and not more than thirty
370 thousand (30,000), a salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars
371 (\$85,000.00).



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

375 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
376 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in
377 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
378 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
379 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
380 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
381 county for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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



397 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support
398 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the
399 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the
400 sheriff; and

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

404 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
405 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its
406 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
407 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
408 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
409 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
410 county for the following reasons:

411 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
412 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
413 the county;

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

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

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



421 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
422 within the county;

423 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
424 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
425 the county;

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

428 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
429 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
430 and

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

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

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



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

451 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
452 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one
453 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
454 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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

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

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

462 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four
463 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges
464 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting
465 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for
466 all;

467 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the
468 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for



469 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the
470 county;

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

473 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
474 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
475 hospital, is located within the county;

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

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

480 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in
481 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department
482 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing
483 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate
484 detention facilities;

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

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

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



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

497 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
498 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in
499 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
500 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
501 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
502 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
503 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
504 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
505 correctional facility within the county.

506 (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
507 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in
508 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
509 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
510 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
511 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
512 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
513 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
514 correctional facility within the county.

515 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
516 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
517 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the



518 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
519 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
520 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
521 county for the following reasons:

522 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
523 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
524 the county;

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

529 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located
530 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff
531 justifying additional compensation.

532 (10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
533 this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
534 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
535 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
536 (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the
537 minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this
538 subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements
539 authorized in subsections (2) through (9).

540 (11) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1)
541 and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10),
542 the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay



543 an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand
544 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a
545 juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the
546 supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

547 (12) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall be
548 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by
549 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;
550 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and
551 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be
552 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If
553 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
554 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
555 legal holiday.

556 (b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee
557 collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the
558 provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of
559 Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries
560 authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount
561 was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331,
562 Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to
563 the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

564 (13) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty (20)
565 hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement. Such
566 courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
567 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education



568 courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy
569 or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

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

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

576 49-2-131. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
577 as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure
578 Grant Program Act of 2022."

579 (2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi
580 Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality
581 and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which
582 municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not
583 regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply for
584 reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water,
585 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the
586 Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made
587 available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
588 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and
589 counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery
590 Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one
591 matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a
592 county transfers to a municipality or that a county or



593 municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated by the
594 Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one matching
595 basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars
596 (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local
597 Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on
598 the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be
599 awarded to them under ARPA. The total funds provided for all
600 two-to-one matches shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars
601 (\$50,000,000.00). The dollar amount for professional fees that
602 can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public
603 utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the
604 total project cost.

605 (3) For purposes of this section, unless the context
606 requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings
607 ascribed herein:

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

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

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



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

621 (e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
622 Quality.

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

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

629 (4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of
630 Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations
631 necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under
632 this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The
633 department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi
634 Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of
635 this section.

636 (b) The Department of Health shall advise the
637 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such
638 rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking
639 Water Act.

640 (5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated
641 to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of



642 Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding, including,
643 but not be limited to, the following:

644 (a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

645 (b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a
646 nonpoint source pollution management program established under the
647 Clean Water Act (CWA);

648 (c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that
649 treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

650 (d) Management and treatment of stormwater or
651 subsurface drainage water;

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

653 (f) Development and implementation of a conservation
654 and management plan under the CWA;

655 (g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth
656 in the CWA;

657 (h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned
658 treatment works;

659 (i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or
660 subsurface drainage water;

661 (j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

662 (k) Transmission and distribution, including
663 improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in
664 infrastructure and lead service line replacements;



665 (l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water
666 or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and
667 recovery system for water storage;

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

670 (n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of
671 systems;

672 (o) New community water systems;

673 (p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement
674 of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater
675 infrastructure;

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

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

682 (s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or
683 stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,
684 regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to
685 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

686 (6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or
687 public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service
688 Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this
689 section if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811,



690 Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to
691 the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them
692 under this section is in compliance with ARPA guidelines,
693 guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended
694 from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury
695 regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State
696 Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the
697 dates established by the department.

698 (7) An application for a grant under this section shall be
699 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such
700 information as the department prescribes. Each application for
701 grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a)
702 applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of
703 project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by
704 the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population,
705 median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates);
706 (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct
707 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be
708 received from the federal government, a certification that such
709 funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the
710 application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated
711 project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering
712 services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information
713 about status of obtaining any required permits.



714 (8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking
715 the grant applications received. When applying the ranking
716 system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects
717 that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the
718 department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction
719 within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the
720 municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide
721 applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional
722 consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system
723 shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the
724 environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed
725 project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal
726 requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes
727 economic development; (d) the number of people served by the
728 project and the number of communities the project serves; (e)
729 impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened
730 communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure
731 funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the
732 grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind
733 cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's
734 long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and
735 maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to
736 initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed
737 project by the deadline specified by the United States Department
738 of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the



739 project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional
740 manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service
741 infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and
742 (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

743 (9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on
744 addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community,
745 including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that
746 lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in
747 unsewered areas and providing regional development of
748 infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

749 (10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are
750 received. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
751 shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary
752 investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as
753 defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable
754 guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury.
755 The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of
756 recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of
757 recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for
758 its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the
759 recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.
760 All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the
761 executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the
762 City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the
763 Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury.



764 Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a
765 grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant.
766 Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department
767 obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department
768 is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed;
769 however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of
770 the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded
771 by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the
772 second or subsequent rounds which shall occur no later than six
773 (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment
774 between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent
775 (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the
776 three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater
777 projects and stormwater projects. In second or subsequent rounds,
778 any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

779 (11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant
780 funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the
781 enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented
782 and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must
783 agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow
784 all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound
785 practices in the administration of the funds.

786 (12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in
787 compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or
788 other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United



789 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from
790 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the
791 American Rescue Plan of 2021.

792 (b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall
793 be subject to audit by the United States Department of the
794 Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office
795 of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these
796 programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the
797 requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a
798 portion of the funds received.

799 (13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor,
800 Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen,
801 and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual
802 reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance
803 and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of
804 Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received,
805 the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded
806 to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each
807 applicant, and status of each applicant's project.

808 (14) Grant funds shall be available under this section
809 through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure
810 deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs
811 later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for
812 which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by
813 December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact



814 an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds,
815 then the grant recipient will complete the project through other
816 funds.

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

820 (16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the
821 Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal
822 or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the
823 solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its
824 responsibilities under this section. This subsection shall stand
825 repealed on January 1, 2026.

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

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

830 57-123-7. (1) As used in this section, the following words
831 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section
832 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

833 (a) "Destination marketing organization" means:

834 (i) Special local governmental units created by
835 local and private laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose
836 of tourism promotion, funded by special local tax levies, and
837 staffed with professionals engaged in out-of-state tourism



838 marketing and tourism product development for municipalities,
839 counties and/or regions; or

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

843 (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing
844 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and
845 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel
846 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public
847 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group
848 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to
849 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption
850 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1
851 of Chapter 399, Laws of 2022.

852 (2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall
853 establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist
854 destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing
855 activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the
856 Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall
857 be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions
858 on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
859 Fund for the program established under this section. The
860 Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in
861 conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the



862 allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as
863 follows:

864 (i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred
865 Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars
866 (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination
867 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a
868 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to
869 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing
870 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the
871 2019 fiscal year, and

872 (ii) Not more than Twenty Million Five Hundred
873 Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars
874 (\$20,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination
875 marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination
876 marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism
877 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit
878 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination
879 marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism
880 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit
881 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination
882 marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than Two
883 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under this
884 subparagraph (ii).

885 (b) Within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 2022, the
886 Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the



887 funds allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to
888 eligible destination marketing organizations. Before receiving
889 funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing
890 organization must certify to the Department of Finance and
891 Administration that:

892 (i) The funds will only be used for marketing
893 activities, and

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

897 (iii) The destination marketing organization will
898 obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all
899 funds by December 31, 2026.

900 (c) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds
901 under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related
902 to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving
903 funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their
904 marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel
905 occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and
906 analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such
907 destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual
908 reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing
909 activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the
910 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
911 Representatives and the Department of Audit.



912 (d) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination
913 marketing organizations will give preference, when available and
914 practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts
915 entered into for marketing activities.

916 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the
917 Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the
918 implementation of this section.

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

921 57-123-9. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
922 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing assistance
923 to Mississippi nonprofit museums as provided in this section.
924 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
925 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
926 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
927 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
928 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
929 shall disburse funds under this section to nonprofit museums
930 located in municipalities with a population of not more than fifty
931 thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial census
932 to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other
933 forms of promoting and publicizing nonprofit museums and museum
934 related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades
935 and improvements to such museums for health and safety purposes
936 related to the Coronavirus Disease 19. Of the monies disbursed by



937 the Department of Finance and Administration under this section,
938 twenty-five percent (25%) of such monies shall be used to provide
939 assistance for requests for assistance of less than Three Hundred
940 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00); thirty-five percent (35%) of such
941 monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for
942 assistance of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or more
943 but less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) and
944 forty percent (40%) of such monies shall be used to provide
945 assistance for requests for assistance of Seven Hundred Thousand
946 Dollars (\$700,000.00) or more. A museum desiring assistance under
947 this section must submit an application to the Department of
948 Finance and Administration. The application must include a
949 description of the purposes for which the assistance is requested,
950 the amount of the assistance requested and any other information
951 required by the department.

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

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

956 57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
957 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to
958 Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section.
959 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
960 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
961 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the



962 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
963 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
964 shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street
965 Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization
966 grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

967 2020	Number of	Grant	Total
968 population	communities	amount	grants
969 More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
970 Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
971 Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

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

974 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
975 and after July 1, 2023.

