

By: Representative Summers

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1337

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION
2 BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ALLIANCE SCHOOL FOR WORKFORCE
3 DEVELOPMENT IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR OF AND
4 IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS BUILDING AND RELATED FACILITIES IN JACKSON,
5 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this act, the following words
8 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly
9 requires otherwise:

10 (a) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

11 (b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

12 (2) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized
13 under this act shall be payable in the manner provided in this
14 subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such
15 denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates
16 (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101,
17 Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places
18 within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature
19 absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25)



20 years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such
21 time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall
22 bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in
23 such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the
24 commission.

25 (3) The bonds authorized by this act shall be signed by the
26 chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the
27 official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested
28 by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any,
29 to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile
30 signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have
31 been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were
32 in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to
33 be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or
34 who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear,
35 the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall
36 nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the
37 same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had
38 remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had
39 been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However,
40 notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be
41 issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of
42 Mississippi.

43 (4) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the
44 provisions of this act have all the qualities and incidents of



45 negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform
46 Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this act,
47 the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with
48 the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

49 (5) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds
50 authorized under this act, prescribe the form of the bonds,
51 determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise
52 for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and
53 sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs
54 incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other
55 things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and
56 sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to
57 pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery
58 of the bonds authorized under this act from the proceeds derived
59 from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds
60 on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the
61 bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best
62 interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on
63 such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

64 If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice
65 of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than
66 ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published
67 in one or more newspapers published or having a general
68 circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the
69 commission.



70 The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of
71 this act, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of
72 Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the
73 call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or
74 dates named therein.

75 (6) The bonds issued under the provisions of this act are
76 general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the
77 payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of
78 Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by
79 the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the
80 interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency
81 shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State
82 Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain
83 recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of
84 this subsection.

85 (7) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions
86 of this act, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any
87 such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (1)
88 of Section 2 of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be
89 disbursed from the special fund under such restrictions, if any,
90 as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance
91 of the bonds.

92 (8) The bonds authorized under this act may be issued
93 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other
94 conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and



95 things which are specified or required by this act. Any
96 resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the
97 provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its
98 adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted
99 at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority
100 of its members.

101 (9) The bonds authorized under the authority of this act may
102 be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District
103 of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and
104 effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972,
105 for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other
106 bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be
107 published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation
108 in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

109 (10) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this
110 act or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may,
111 either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other
112 proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under
113 this act, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel
114 performance of all duties required by this act to be performed, in
115 order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

116 (11) All bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall
117 be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for
118 savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized
119 under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall



120 be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be
121 received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all
122 municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of
123 securing the deposit of public funds.

124 (12) Bonds issued under the provisions of this act and
125 income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of
126 Mississippi.

127 (13) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this act shall
128 be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the
129 costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

130 (14) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further
131 process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and
132 Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of
133 Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue
134 such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due
135 the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the
136 accreted value of, all bonds issued under this act; and the State
137 Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated
138 place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to
139 discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates
140 thereof. As used in this section, the "accreted value" of any
141 bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the
142 sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the
143 interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of
144 computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is



145 necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for
146 bonds of the same maturity.

147 (15) This act shall be deemed to be full and complete
148 authority for the exercise of the powers granted in this act that
149 relate to the issuance of bonds, but this act shall not be deemed
150 to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state
151 that relates to the issuance of bonds.

152 **SECTION 2.** (1) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated
153 as the "2023 Alliance School for Workforce Development Fund," is
154 created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained
155 by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate
156 and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts
157 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse
158 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment
159 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

160 (ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be
161 disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and
162 Administration, to assist Alliance School for Workforce
163 Development in paying costs associated with repair of and
164 improvements to its building and related facilities in Jackson,
165 Mississippi.

166 (b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be
167 disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph
168 (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has
169 certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described



170 in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed,
171 abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts
172 remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt
173 service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with
174 the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as
175 directed by the commission.

176 (2) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time,
177 may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general
178 obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for
179 all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in
180 subsection (1) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution
181 by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the
182 necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general
183 obligation bonds authorized by this section, the department shall
184 deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the
185 commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission is
186 authorized to proceed under the provisions of Section 1(5) of this
187 act. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall
188 not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds
189 shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2027.

190 (b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into
191 the special fund created in subsection (1) of this section shall
192 be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in
193 accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such
194 bonds.



195 (3) The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall apply to
196 the issuance of bonds authorized under this section.

197 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
198 and after July 1, 2023.

