

By: Representative Lamar

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING  
3 FUNDS TO THE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR  
4 THE REPAIR, RENOVATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE  
5 ON THE CAMPUSES OF THE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense  
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State  
10 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of providing funds  
11 to the state-supported institutions of higher learning for the  
12 repair, renovation or improvement of existing infrastructure on  
13 the campuses of the institutions, as provided in Section 2 of this  
14 act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June  
15 30, 2024.....\$ 100,000,000.00.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
17 of Higher Learning shall distribute the funds appropriated under  
18 Section 1 of this act on a pro rata basis to Alcorn State  
19 University, Delta State University, Jackson State University,



20 Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women,  
21 Mississippi Valley State University, the University of Mississippi  
22 and the University of Southern Mississippi, with each university  
23 receiving the same percentage of these funds as the percentage of  
24 the fiscal year 2024 appropriation for the general support of the  
25 state-supported institutions of higher learning that the board of  
26 trustees allocates to that university.

27       (2) The funds received by the universities under this  
28 section shall be used for the repair, renovation or improvement of  
29 existing infrastructure on the university campuses, and may be  
30 used for the expansion of existing infrastructures such as gas,  
31 electrical, water and lighting. The funds may not be used to  
32 construct new buildings or to expand the square footage of the  
33 university campuses.

34       (3) The funds received by the universities under this  
35 section may be used by the universities in their own discretion  
36 for the purposes described in this section, without oversight of  
37 the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of  
38 the Department of Finance and Administration.

39       (4) The receipt of funds by the universities under this  
40 section shall not affect or reduce the amount of state funds  
41 provided annually to the universities through state bonds or other  
42 appropriations that are primarily for future planning and new  
43 capital improvements at the university campuses.



44           **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
45 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Capital Expense  
46 Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
47 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or  
48 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,  
49 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

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

