

By: Representative Lamar

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1510

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT
2 AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO WISPR SYSTEMS IN BATESVILLE FOR
3 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO EXPAND ITS CURRENT SMALL UNMANNED
4 AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES IN MISSISSIPPI, FOR
5 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 State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Development
10 Authority for the purpose of providing funding to WISPR Systems in
11 Batesville, Mississippi, for research and development to expand
12 its current small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing
13 capabilities in Mississippi to develop and provide secure and safe
14 communication systems and protocols for sUAS that are wholly
15 developed and made in the United States, which will allow it to
16 enter new markets, compete for larger projects and create new
17 jobs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
18 30, 2024.....\$ 500,000.00.



19 **SECTION 2.** In expending the money appropriated in Section 1,
20 WISPR Systems shall expand its partnership with the Northwest
21 Mississippi Community College AuXX Program and other programs
22 throughout the state to provide workforce development and training
23 on sUAS and communication systems for commercial and military
24 applications.

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

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

