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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1610  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE  
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES  
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND  
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE  
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,  
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED  
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General  
14 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense  
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular  
17 Session of 2024 and providing contingent funds for the House of  
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning  
19 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
21 matching funds and daily  
22 expense allowance of members



23 of the House of Representatives.....\$ 5,257,750.00.

24 For Contingent Fund for the

25 House of Representatives.....\$ 8,251,159.00.

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund  
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand  
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses  
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on  
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,  
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
33 matching funds and daily  
34 expense allowance of members  
35 of the Senate.....\$ 2,345,814.00.

36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$ 6,151,979.00.

37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund  
38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)  
39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of  
40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate  
41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi  
42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of  
44 Representatives and the Senate.....\$ 1,236,408.00.

45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
46 Budget Committee.....\$ 4,765,732.00.

47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative



48                   Committee on Performance Evaluation  
49                   and Expenditure Review.....\$ 2,615,599.00.  
50       For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
51                   Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 280,212.00.  
52       For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
53                   Code Committee.....\$ 400,000.00.

54       The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall  
55       prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of  
56       the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line  
57       detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and  
58       all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint  
59       Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint  
60       Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state  
61       offices or at publicly owned facilities.

62                   **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
63       necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
64       Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the  
65       monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as  
66       provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
67       fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as  
68       follows:

69                   For the House of Representatives.....\$ 2,392,922.00.  
70                   For the Senate.....\$ 1,039,050.00.

71                   **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
72       necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General



73 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the  
74 state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning  
75 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 448,878.00.

76 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following  
77 distribution shall be made:

78 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 29,077.00.  
79 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 341,556.00.  
80 National Conference of Commissioners  
81 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 39,845.00.  
82 The Energy Council.....\$ 38,400.00.

83 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
84 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
85 to the credit of the joint operations of the House of  
86 Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the  
87 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
88 .....\$ 50,000.00.

89 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
90 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund  
91 not otherwise appropriated for the House of Representatives for  
92 the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as  
93 authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year  
94 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
95 .....\$ 500,000.00.

96 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
97 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this



98 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
99 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
100 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
101 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

102 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
103 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund  
104 not otherwise appropriated for the Senate for the purpose of  
105 reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB  
106 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
107 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 500,000.00.

108 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
109 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
110 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
111 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
112 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
113 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

114 **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
115 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
116 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations  
117 of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of  
118 reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as  
119 authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year  
120 beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.....  
121 .....\$ 500,000.00.



122 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
123 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
124 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
125 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
126 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
127 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

128 **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
129 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
130 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative  
131 Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
132 expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1597, 2022  
133 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
134 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 20,000.00.

135 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
136 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
137 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
138 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
139 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
140 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

141 **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
142 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
143 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative  
144 Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure  
145 of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1597 2022 Regular



146 Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending  
147 June 30, 2024.....\$ 300,000.00.

148 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
149 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
150 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
151 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
152 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
153 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

154 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
155 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
156 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative  
157 Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure  
158 of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular  
159 Session to defray expenses of the Committee for the fiscal year  
160 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
161 .....\$ 3,867,500.00.

162 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
163 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
164 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
165 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
166 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
167 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

168 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
169 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
170 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative



171 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the  
172 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds,  
173 as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal  
174 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
175 .....\$ 100,000.00.

176 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
177 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
178 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
179 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
180 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
181 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

182 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
183 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
184 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of  
185 defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
186 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,  
187 2024.....\$ 350,000.00.

188 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
189 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
190 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of  
191 defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on  
192 Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the fiscal year  
193 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
194 .....\$ 1,000,000.00.





195           **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
196 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for  
197 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
198 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
199 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
200 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
201 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
202 made without competitive bids.

203           **SECTION 15.** None of the funds appropriated under the  
204 provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any  
205 expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the  
206 House of Representatives without prior approval of the House  
207 Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate  
208 without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

209           **SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the  
210 Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the  
211 Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their  
212 respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi  
213 House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

214           **SECTION 17.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
215 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
216 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
217 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
218 Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
219 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



220           **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
221 and after July 1, 2023.

