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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1618

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR
3 THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in the
9 operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
11\$ 298,213.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
14 the State Treasury to the credit of the Grand Gulf Military
15 Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
16 the commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf
17 Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
18 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 112,875.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 this act, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22 Permanent: 7

23 Time-Limited: 0

24 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
25 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
26 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds
27 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
28 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi
29 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
30 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
31 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
32 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
33 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
34 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
35 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the
36 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024
37 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
38 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
39 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

40 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
41 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
42 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
43 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written



44 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
45 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
46 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
47 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
48 appropriated level.

49 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
50 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
51 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
52 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

53 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
54 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
55 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
56 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

57 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
58 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
59 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
60 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
61 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
62 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

63 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
64 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete
65 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
66 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
67 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
68 Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that



69 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be
70 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
71 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
72 provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

73 **SECTION 5.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
74 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
75 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
76 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
77 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
78 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

79 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles
80 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
81 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

82 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
83 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
84 Expense Fund, not otherwise appropriated for Grand Gulf Military
85 Monument Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the
86 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1606,
87 2022 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
88 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the fiscal year
89 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....

90\$ 220,122.00.

91 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
92 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
93 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds



94 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
95 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
96 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

97 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
98 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
99 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
100 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
101 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
102 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
103 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
104 made without competitive bids.

105 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
106 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
107 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
108 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
109 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
110 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
111 actions contrary to this provision.

112 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
113 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
114 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
115 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
116 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
117 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



118 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
119 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2023.

