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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.

