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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1634  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND  
3 PORT AUTHORITY FOR 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 authorized and approved for expenditure out of any  
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the  
8 Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, for the purpose of  
9 defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
11 .....\$ 13,930,000.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
13 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

15 Permanent: 17  
16 Time-Limited: 0

17 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
18 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.



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22 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

23 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
24 Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority shall maintain complete  
25 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
26 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
27 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
28 Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
29 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be  
30 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
31 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
32 provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

33 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
34 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
35 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
36 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
37 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
38 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
39 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
40 made without competitive bids.

41 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Fifty Thousand  
42 Dollars (\$50,000.00) is provided for salary increase for the  
43 purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.



44           **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
45 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
46 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
47 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
48 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
49 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
50 actions contrary to this provision.

51           **SECTION 7.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall  
52 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer  
53 or officers, in the manner provided by law.

54           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
55 and after July 1, 2023.

