

By: Representative Read

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1717

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
2 AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF INSURANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
3 REIMBURSING THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' LIFE AND HEALTH
4 INSURANCE PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCURRED DURING A CERTAIN
5 PERIOD, FOR 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 Coronavirus
9 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
10 Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Insurance for
11 the purpose of reimbursing the State and School Employees' Life
12 and Health Insurance Plan for eligible expenses incurred on or
13 after March 3, 2021, through June 30, 2024, for the fiscal year
14 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
15\$ 35,000,000.00.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
17 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance
18 and Administration.



19 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated
20 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an
21 individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in
22 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
23 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as
24 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
25 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,
26 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or
27 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of
28 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not
29 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in
30 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,
31 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal
32 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In
33 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated
34 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit
35 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the
36 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal
37 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient
38 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
39 requirements.

40 **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
41 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the
42 department shall certify to the Department of Finance and
43 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to



44 the department under this act complies with the guidelines,
45 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
46 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
47 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
48 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

49 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
50 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
51 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
52 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by
53 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended
54 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department
55 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the
56 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as
57 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department
58 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus
59 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State
60 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any
61 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined
62 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or
63 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or
64 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
65 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
66 the federal government.

67 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
68 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State



69 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
70 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
71 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
72 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

73 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
74 and after July 1, 2023.

