

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.

