

By: Representative Read

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1717
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF INSURANCE FOR THE
3 PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' LIFE AND
4 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCURRED DURING A
5 CERTAIN PERIOD, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS
6 ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
9 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
10 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
11 Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Insurance for
12 the purpose of reimbursing the State and School Employees' Life
13 and Health Insurance Plan for eligible expenses incurred on or
14 after March 3, 2021, through June 30, 2024, for the period
15 beginning upon the passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024..
16\$ 35,000,000.00.

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

74 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
75 and after its passage.

