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To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2053  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "DEFICIT PREVENTION ACT"; TO REQUIRE A  
2 STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OR INSTITUTION TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR,  
3 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND CHAIRS OF THE  
4 SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES WITHIN 15 DAYS OF A  
5 DETERMINATION THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A DEFICIT FOR THE CURRENT  
6 FISCAL YEAR EXISTS; TO REQUIRE A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OR  
7 INSTITUTION TO WORK WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE AND THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO  
9 AVOID OR LIMIT ANY DEFICIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section shall be known and may be cited  
12 as the "Deficit Prevention Act."

13 (2) It is the responsibility of each state agency,  
14 department and institution to operate within the limits of its  
15 annual appropriations by the Legislature and any other approved  
16 expenditures of monies. A state agency, department or institution  
17 shall not operate in a manner that results in a year-end deficit,  
18 except as provided in this act.

19 (3) If it is determined by a state agency, department or  
20 institution that the likelihood of a deficit for the current  
21 fiscal year exists, the state agency, department or institution



22 shall notify the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the  
23 House, and Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations  
24 Committees within fifteen (15) days of this determination.

25 (4) After the determination of the likelihood of a deficit,  
26 the state agency, department or institution shall work with the  
27 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and  
28 Administration to develop a plan to avoid or limit any deficit.  
29 Such plan shall include limiting travel and conference attendance  
30 to that deemed essential by the director of the agency, department  
31 or institution, and restricting the purchase of equipment,  
32 vehicles and other nonnecessities.

33 (5) For purposes of this section, the term "state agency"  
34 shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 27-103-103.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2023.

