

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Parks, DeBar,
Simmons (13th), Williams

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3000

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT
3 UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
7 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of
8 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose
9 of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds
10 and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher
11 learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State
12 University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State
13 University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley
14 State University, University of Mississippi, and University of
15 Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023,
16 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 343,869,278.00.

17 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
18 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from



19 any federal, student fees or other special source funds not
20 otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State
21 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of
22 education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta
23 State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State
24 University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley
25 State University, University of Mississippi, and University of
26 Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023,
27 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,010,511,156.00.

28 **SECTION 3.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
29 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers
30 Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3325800000, for
31 the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the
32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

33	Alcorn State University.....	\$	254,700.00.
34	Jackson State University.....	\$	390,600.00.
35	Mississippi Valley State University.....	\$	<u>254,700.00.</u>
36	TOTAL:.....	\$	900,000.00

37 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
38 Section 2, the amount of Two Million Eight Hundred Eighty-six
39 Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$2,886,269.00) shall be
40 derived from unexpended balances in the Ayers program funds
41 provided for the purpose in prior-year appropriations enacted by
42 The Mississippi Legislature. These funds are to be allocated as
43 follows:



44 Jackson State University.....\$ 2,090,794.00.
45 Mississippi Valley State University.....\$ 795,475.00.

46 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
47 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall
48 allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate
49 of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time
50 equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be
51 determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more
52 of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers'
53 classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2)
54 or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall
55 be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers
56 based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

57 The board of trustees shall ensure that the off-campus
58 centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost
59 prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the
60 Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus
61 centers with only actual direct charges.

62 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
63 act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars
64 (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the
65 Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

66 Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State
67 Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy
68 for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a



69 competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and
70 universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted
71 and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school
72 student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi.
73 The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the
74 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall
75 be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

76 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
77 act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred
78 Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses
79 of the Teacher Corps.

80 **SECTION 8.** It is the intent of the Legislature that no
81 general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to
82 replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being
83 used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and
84 which are withdrawn and no longer available.

85 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
86 act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

87 (a) For Mississippi State University as interest
88 on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of
89 university land, the sum of.....\$ 14,387.00.

90 (b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on
91 original seminary fund, the sum of.....\$ 32,643.00.

92 (c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on
93 1904 land grant fund, the sum of.....\$ 9,965.00.



94 (d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on
95 LaBauve Fund, the sum of.....\$ 1,420.00.

96 (e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on
97 funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land
98 donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United
99 States government, the sum of.....\$ 9,389.00.

100 (f) For Alcorn State University as interest on land
101 script and land sales funds, the sum of.....\$ 12,592.00.

102 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
103 act, the following amount shall be derived from Education
104 Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
105 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

106 On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University,
107 Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi
108 State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi
109 Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University
110 of Southern Mississippi for the sum of.....\$ 68,873,070.00.

111 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
112 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall
113 first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray
114 the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported
115 institutions of higher learning.

116 **SECTION 12.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
117 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or
118 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board



119 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of
120 the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of
121 the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi
122 Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or
123 regulations that implement state or federal law.

124 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
125 budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be
126 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
127 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
128 provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

129 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
130 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning
131 continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating
132 programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher
133 learning in this state.

134 **SECTION 15.** No state appropriations or student tuition and
135 fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision
136 of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises,
137 with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level
138 designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the
139 Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting
140 and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction
141 and academic programs.

142 **SECTION 16.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
143 Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the



144 institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of
145 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

146 **SECTION 17.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
147 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
148 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
149 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

150 **SECTION 18.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
151 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
152 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
153 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
154 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
155 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
156 performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
159 Instruction	
160 Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,221
161 Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
162 Number of Degrees (Graduate & 163 Undergraduate) Awarded in the Fields of 164 STEM, Health and Education	5,766
165 Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded 166 per 100 Undergraduate Full-Time 167 Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment	20.10
168 Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per	



169	100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	44.20
170	Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
171	Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132

172 Research

173	Number of Patents Obtained by	
174	Mississippi Public Universities in	
175	Emerging Technologies	25

176 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
177 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
178 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
179 Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

180 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
181 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
182 amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated
183 equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University,
184 the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern
185 Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and
186 relocation of efforts at those universities.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

187 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
188 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
189 amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated
190 to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch.....
191\$ 900,000.00.

192 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
193 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



194 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
195 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
196 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
197 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
198 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
199 made without competitive bids.

200 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
201 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
202 amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated
203 to Jackson State University E-Learning Center....\$ 485,000.00.

204 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
205 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
206 amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated
207 to the Delta State University E-Learning Center.....
208\$ 155,000.00.

209 **SECTION 24.** It is the intent of the Legislature that at the
210 end of Fiscal Year 2024 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs
211 funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the
212 State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for
213 expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to
214 Legislative appropriation.

215 **SECTION 25.** None of the State General Funds appropriated by
216 this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the
217 United States.



218 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
219 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
220 sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to
221 Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation.....
222\$ 800,000.00.

223 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
224 Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred
225 Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site
226 licenses.

227 **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
228 of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain
229 utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such
230 utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane,
231 cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined,
232 the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance
233 with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall
234 include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not
235 include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities
236 shall be prohibited.

237 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
238 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
239 amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta
240 Center for Culture and Learning.....\$ 100,000.00.

241 The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for
242 the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.



243 **SECTION 30.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of
244 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following
245 amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated
246 to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic
247 Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program.....
248\$ 90,000.00.

249 This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's
250 university and college students to gain real-life experience
251 working in Washington, D.C. The funding will provide scholarships
252 at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State
253 University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University
254 for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University
255 of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted
256 listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen
257 of the Senate and House Appropriations and Universities and
258 Colleges Committees.

259 **SECTION 31.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized
260 for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which
261 a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

262 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
263 of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred
264 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to
265 implement university system efficiencies, including, but not
266 limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects
267 or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such



268 funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching
269 funds.

270 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
271 of Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars
272 (\$100,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the
273 Children's Center for Communication and Development at the
274 University of Southern Mississippi.

275 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
276 act, the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
277 (\$250,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the DuBard
278 School.

279 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
280 of Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Seven
281 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$266,750.00) is provided for the Southwest
282 Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State
283 University.

284 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
285 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred
286 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer
287 Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for
288 Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology
289 initiatives.

290 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
291 act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for
292 the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.



293 **SECTION 38.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
294 Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water
295 or sewer service to any existing, privately owned structures that
296 presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley
297 State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State
298 University is authorized to charge a flat or metered rate for the
299 service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not
300 provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately owned
301 structures.

302 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds herein appropriated, Eight Hundred
303 Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided to the Charter
304 School Authorizer Board. Of this amount, Three Hundred Thousand
305 Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be provided in General Funds and Five
306 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided in
307 Special Funds from the Charter School Authorizer Board Fund - Fund
308 No. 3001700000.

309 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
310 act, One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), shall be
311 derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited
312 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
313 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's
314 Office. These funds are provided to Alcorn State University for
315 STEM related programs as determined by the university.

316 **SECTION 41.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
317 act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much as necessary,



318 shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund
319 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi
320 Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the
321 Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the IHL research
322 institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and
323 entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department
324 of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. It is the
325 intent of the legislature that funds can be used for both research
326 and upgrades to the physical space in order to perform research
327 and entrepreneurship.

328 **SECTION 42.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
329 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education
330 Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions
331 of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the
332 expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses
333 of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate
334 Bill 3002, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning
335 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 53,478,000.00.

336 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
337 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

338 (a) Delta State University - Commercial Aviation Department
339 to defray expenses related to the purchase of flight simulators,
340 training equipment, and other capital improvements.....
341\$ 2,478,000.00.



342 (b) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to
343 the operations of the Haley Barbour Center for the Study of
344 American Politics.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

345 (c) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to
346 the Healthcare Innovation Tech Hub Infrastructure, Biomedical
347 Innovation, Nano-Bio Immuno Engineering Consortium (NIEC), Data
348 Science and Artificial Intelligence.....\$ 15,000,000.00.

349 (d) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to
350 the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center.....\$ 10,000,000.00.

351 (e) Mississippi State University to defray the expenses
352 related to the construction, furnishing, and equipping of the
353 Kinesiology & Autism Building, High-Performance Computing Center
354 and/or Ballew Hall.....\$ 12,000,000.00.

355 (f) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses
356 related to the expansion of the nursing program.....
357\$ 2,500,000.00.

358 (g) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related
359 to the renovation and expansion of the Davey L. Whitney Complex
360 and Wellness Center.....\$ 3,000,000.00.

361 (h) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related
362 to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence hall
363\$ 5,000,000.00.

364 (i) Alcorn State University for STEM related programs as
365 determined by the university.....\$ 1,500,000.00.



366 (j) IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology
367 transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to
368 the Department of Defense and related federal research in
369 Mississippi.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

370 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
371 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
372 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
373 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
374 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
375 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

376 **SECTION 43.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
377 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
378 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of
379 Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
380 of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the
381 Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau
382 of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in
383 SB 3002, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July
384 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 15,000,000.00.

385 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
386 the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and
387 renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as
388 allocated herein:

389 Alcorn State University.....\$ 746,792.00.
390 Delta State University.....\$ 599,527.00.



391 Jackson State University.....\$ 1,294,884.00.
392 Mississippi State University (including
393 the Forest and Wildlife Research Center
394 and the Division of Agriculture,
395 Forestry and Veterinary Medicine).....\$ 4,401,981.00.
396 Mississippi University for Women.....\$ 538,804.00.
397 Mississippi Valley State University.....\$ 654,339.00.
398 University of Mississippi.....\$ 4,063,186.00.
399 University of Southern Mississippi.....\$ 2,700,487.00.
400 Total.....\$ 15,000,000.00.

401 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
402 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
403 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
404 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
405 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
406 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

407 **SECTION 44.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
408 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
409 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of
410 Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
411 of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the
412 Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), as authorized in SB 3002,
413 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023,
414 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 8,000,000.00.



415 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
416 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

417 Mississippi Valley State University

418 Emergency Roof Repair.....\$ 3,000,000.00.

419 University of Southern Mississippi Ocean

420 Enterprise - Gulfport.....\$ 5,000,000.00.

421 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
422 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
423 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
424 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
425 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
426 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

427 **SECTION 45.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
428 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
429 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
430 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
431 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
432 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
433 actions contrary to this provision.

434 **SECTION 46.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
435 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
436 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
437 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
438 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
439 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



440 **SECTION 47.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
441 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after
442 June 30, 2023.

