

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

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3003

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY  
3 EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry  
9 Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
10 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 22,961,289.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi  
15 Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year  
16 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
17 .....\$ 10,419,372.00.



18           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
19 act, One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
20 (\$1,350,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement  
21 Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
22 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

23           **SECTION 4.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein  
24 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds  
25 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions  
26 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

27           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if  
28 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly  
29 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,  
30 research grants or donations, such special source funds not  
31 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and  
32 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the  
33 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special  
34 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2024  
35 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

36           **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
37 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to  
38 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
39 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
40 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

41           **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
42 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of



43 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 44 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 45 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 46 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 47 performance measures provided below:

|  | FY2024        |
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| <u>Performance Measures</u>                        | <u>Target</u> |
| 50 Plant Systems                                   |               |
| 51       Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) | 38.33         |
| 52       Number of Research Publications           | 206           |
| 53       Percentage of Appropriated Funds and      |               |
| 54               Extramural Funds                  | 0.99          |
| 55 Animal Systems                                  |               |
| 56       Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) | 22.60         |
| 57       Number of Research Publications           | 210           |
| 58       Percentage of Appropriated Funds and      |               |
| 59               Extramural Funds                  | 0.30          |
| 60 Health & Sustainable Communities                |               |
| 61       Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) | 41.10         |
| 62       Number of Research Publications           | 245           |
| 63       Percentage of Appropriated Funds &        |               |
| 64               Extramural Funds                  | 0.27          |

65       A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 66 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the



67 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
68 Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

69       **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
70 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
71 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
72 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
73 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
74 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
75 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
76 made without competitive bids.

77       **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
78 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
79 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
80 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
81 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
82 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
83 actions contrary to this provision.

84       **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
85 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
86 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
87 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
88 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
89 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.



90           **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
91 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
92 June 30, 2023.

