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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3010

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE  
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 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 operation and  
8 support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal  
9 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
10 .....\$ 206,369,562.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the special funds specified herein to  
14 the Mississippi Community College Board for the operation and  
15 support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal  
16 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
17 .....\$ 63,185,786.00.



18           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
 19 act, Sixty-two Million Seven Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Seven  
 20 Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$62,785,786.00) shall be derived from  
 21 funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to  
 22 Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not  
 23 otherwise appropriated, for the operation and support of public  
 24 community and junior colleges.

25           **SECTION 4.** The funds provided in this section shall be  
 26 allocated for the aid and support of the public and community  
 27 junior colleges through the community college support funding  
 28 formula and shall be apportioned in accordance with the following  
 29 assigned weights:

	<u>Formula Section</u>	<u>FTE</u> <u>Formula</u>
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32	(a) Aid to Colleges:	
33	Base	15% prior year
34		appropriation
35	Academic	1.0
36	Technical	1.0
37	MSVCC Shared Host	.75
38	MSVCC Shared Provider	.25
39	(b) Career	1.0
40	(c) Associate Degree	
41	Nursing	1.19
42	(d) Associate Degree	



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Allied Health

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44 Academic, Technical, Career, Associate Degree Nursing and  
45 Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the  
46 basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated  
47 during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public  
48 community and junior college student actually enrolled and in  
49 attendance the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its  
50 equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of  
51 Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who  
52 reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay  
53 purposes.

54 Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) shared hosted  
55 and provided courses may qualify for incentive funding on the  
56 basis of the prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of MSVCC  
57 shared hours generated during the summer, fall and spring  
58 semesters. In addition, all provider MSVCC semester credit hours  
59 will be included in either the academic, technical or career  
60 sections of the formula at a weight of one (1.0).

61 The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or  
62 his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college  
63 and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall  
64 certify the number to the Mississippi Community College Board.

65 If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at  
66 the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate  
67 in this appropriation, as provided for in this section, the



68 Mississippi Community College Board shall find and determine that  
69 any such public or community junior college does not have  
70 sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of  
71 its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2023, until  
72 distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that  
73 event, the Mississippi Community College Board is expressly  
74 authorized to make an advance to any such public community or  
75 junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds  
76 for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided,  
77 however, that the amount of any such advance to any one (1) public  
78 community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent  
79 (33%) of the amount of state-appropriated funds received by such  
80 public community or junior college during the preceding fiscal  
81 year; and provided, further, that the amount of any such advance  
82 shall be deducted from the pro rata part of the funds appropriated  
83 hereby accruing to said public community or junior college when  
84 enrollment has been ascertained and distribution of funds is made.

85 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an  
86 amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-seven Million Five  
87 Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars  
88 (\$157,581,404.00) is authorized for the aid and support of  
89 the public community colleges to be distributed through  
90 the community college support funding formula.

91 (b) Of the funds provided in Section 3 of this act,  
92 Forty-nine Million Eight Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Nine



93           Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$49,884,946.00), or so much as  
94           may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the  
95           State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement  
96           Fund and deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
97           27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds are  
98           authorized for the aid and support of the public community  
99           colleges to be distributed through the community college  
100          support funding formula.

101          **SECTION 5.** The following public community and junior  
102          colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided  
103          herein:

104                Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,  
105          East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community  
106          College, Hinds Community College, Holmes Community College,  
107          Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College, Meridian  
108          Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,  
109          Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Northeast Mississippi  
110          Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl  
111          River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi Community  
112          College.

113          **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
114          act, an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Million Two Hundred Three  
115          Thousand Twenty-six Dollars (\$29,203,026.00) is authorized for the  
116          aid of the public community and junior colleges to fund life and



117 health insurance for all employees of the public community and  
118 junior colleges.

119       The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to  
120 participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health  
121 Insurance Plan and any funds appropriated in this section for this  
122 purpose, which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be  
123 carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding  
124 fiscal year.

125       **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
126 act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be derived  
127 out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the  
128 Insurance Carryover Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully  
129 funding life and health insurance through the State and School  
130 Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for all qualified  
131 community and junior college employees.

132       **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
133 act, an amount not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty  
134 Thousand Dollars (\$6,750,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of  
135 Workforce and Economic Development Support, including the  
136 operation of the Workforce Development Centers and Advanced  
137 Training Centers, providing start-up costs for new career and  
138 technical programs, and providing the necessary funding to replace  
139 outdated and obsolete equipment for existing career and technical  
140 programs at each of the public community and junior colleges.



141           **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
142 act, One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$179,050.00)  
143 shall be used for the purpose of defraying the cost of Sign  
144 Language Interpreter Training at the public community and junior  
145 colleges.

146           **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
147 provided in Section 2 of this act, Ten Million Dollars  
148 (\$10,000,000.00) shall be used by the Mississippi Community  
149 College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the  
150 Education Technology Program at the public community and junior  
151 colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board. Seven  
152 Million Ninety-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars  
153 (\$7,099,160.00) shall be derived from Section 1, and Two Million  
154 Nine Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$2,900,840.00)  
155 shall be derived from Section 3 out of any money in the State  
156 Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund and  
157 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi  
158 Code of 1972.

159           **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
160 act, Two Million Five Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Nine Hundred  
161 Twenty-two Dollars (\$2,556,922.00) shall be used for the purpose  
162 of defraying the cost of the Associate Degree Nursing and Allied  
163 Health Programs.

164           **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
165 act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be used for the



166 purpose of continuing the dropout recovery initiative based on a  
167 successful program administered through the adult basic education  
168 program with the Mississippi Community College Board. These funds  
169 shall also be used for the purpose of enrolling low-skill adults  
170 in career pathways that combine high school equivalency, skills  
171 training and workforce credentials in an intensive program that  
172 produces adults who can compete for jobs.

173 Of the funds provided in this section, one-half (1/2) shall  
174 be allocated equally and the remaining one-half (1/2) shall be  
175 allocated on the basis of the prior year headcount enrollment in  
176 Adult Education, MIBEST or other career pathway programs.

177 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and  
178 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget  
179 Office a comprehensive report on the number of dropouts that have  
180 enrolled in a High School Equivalency and/or career program for  
181 each community and junior college during Fiscal Year 2023 on, or  
182 before, August 1, 2024.

183 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds provided in Section 3 of this act,  
184 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be  
185 necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury  
186 to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund and deposited  
187 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of  
188 1972. These funds shall be used for the Career and Technical  
189 Advantage Program which will provide start-up costs for new career  
190 and technical programs, expansion of existing career and technical





191 programs, and infrastructure for career and technical program  
 192 equipment, lab upgrades, and renovations to sustain the programs  
 193 at public community colleges. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds  
 194 appropriated in this section shall be distributed evenly to each  
 195 community college. The remaining eighty-five percent (85%) of the  
 196 funds shall be distributed on the basis of prior year career and  
 197 technical full-time equivalency (FTE) hours generated during the  
 198 summer, fall, and spring semesters for each public community  
 199 college.

200       **SECTION 14.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 201 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 202 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 203 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 204 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 205 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 206 performance measures provided below:

207		FY2024
208	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
209	Instruction	
210	Number of Total Degrees Awarded per 100	
211	FTE Enrollment	31.29
212	Number of Associate Degrees Awarded per	
213	100 FTE Enrollment	17.11
214	Number of Associate of Applied Science	
215	Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment	7.00



216	Number of Certificates Awarded per 100	
217	FTE Enrollment	9.50
218	Percent of First-Time Entering,	
219	Part-Time Degree- Seeking Students	
220	(Fall) who Earned 24 Credit Hours by the	
221	End of Year Two	18.50
222	Percent of First-Time Entering,	
223	Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students (Fall)	
224	who Earned 42 Credit Hours by the End	
225	of Year Two	46.82
226	Percent of Associate Degree Nursing and	
227	Practical Nursing Licensure Exam Pass	
228	Rates	42.51
229	Percent of Total Student Success, Which	
230	Includes Graduates, Transfers, and	
231	Retention (Those Still Enrolled)	80.78
232	Percent of Graduates	33.50
233	Percent of Transfers	20.78
234	Percent of Retention	8.34
235	Percent of Students Enrolled in Career/	
236	Technical and Health Science Graduates	23.50
237	Percent of In-State Job Placements of	
238	Career/ Technical and Health Science	
239	Graduates	90.10
240	Number of High School Equivalencies Awarded	2,320



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

245 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
246 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the  
247 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any  
248 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a  
249 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

250 **SECTION 16.** A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition  
251 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi  
252 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation  
253 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of  
254 enrollment, as set out in Section 37-155-5(d)(iii), Mississippi  
255 Code of 1972.

256 **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
257 of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain  
258 utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such  
259 utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane,  
260 cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined,  
261 the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance  
262 with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall  
263 include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not  
264 include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities  
265 shall be prohibited.



266           **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
267 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
268 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
269 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
270 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
271 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
272 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
273 made without competitive bids.

274           **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
275 support of the community and junior colleges shall maintain  
276 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
277 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
278 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
279 maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of  
280 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
281 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
282 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
283 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request  
284 process.

285           **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
286 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
287 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
288 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
289 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally



290 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
291 actions contrary to this provision.

292         **SECTION 21.** The funds disbursed under the provisions of this  
293 act shall be accounted for through the Mississippi Community  
294 College Board. No part of the amount herein appropriated shall be  
295 used by the Mississippi Community College Board for administrative  
296 or other purposes except in the manner and to the extent  
297 authorized in this act making an appropriation for the expenses of  
298 the Mississippi Community College Board.

299         **SECTION 22.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
300 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
301 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
302 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
303 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
304 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

305         **SECTION 23.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
306 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
307 June 30, 2023.

