

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, DeLano, Butler  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3016

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
3 ESTABLISHING A DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE FUND AND DEFRAYING THE  
4 COSTS RELATED TO CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL  
5 YEAR 2024.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management  
11 Agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-15-1 et  
12 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning  
13 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 4,709,810.00.

14 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
15 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
16 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi  
17 Emergency Management Agency which is comprised of special source  
18 funds collected by or otherwise available to the agency, for the



19 support and maintenance of the agency for the fiscal year  
20 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
21 .....\$ 27,813,178.00.

22 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of  
23 this act, the following positions are authorized:

24 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

25 Permanent: 109

26 Time-Limited: 68

27 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
28 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
29 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
30 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
31 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
32 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
33 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
34 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
35 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
36 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
37 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
38 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
39 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
40 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
41 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
42 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.



43 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
44 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
45 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
46 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
47 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
48 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
49 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
50 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
51 appropriated level.

52 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
53 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
54 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
55 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

56 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
57 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating  
58 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
59 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

60 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
61 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
62 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
63 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
64 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
65 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

66 **SECTION 4.** In addition to all other sums herein  
67 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be



68 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
69 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi  
70 Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of defraying certain  
71 administrative expenses and the state share of the cost of  
72 disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to,  
73 public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs,  
74 and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning  
75 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 585,056.00.

76 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein  
77 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
78 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
79 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management  
80 Agency Fund Nos. 3725, 3728, 372U, 3729, 37AH, 6820174300, and  
81 58202 for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses  
82 and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance  
83 programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance  
84 programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation  
85 programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
86 June 30, 2024.....\$ 353,776,571.00.

87 **SECTION 6.** The funds appropriated under the provisions of  
88 Sections 4 and 5 of this act are provided to defray certain  
89 administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the  
90 cost of disaster assistance programs, including public assistance  
91 programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation  
92 programs resulting from, but not being limited to, the following:



93	1604	Hurricane Katrina
94	4175	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - Cities
95		of Louisville & Tupelo
96	-	Hazard Mitigation
97	-	Other Needs Assistance
98	-	Mississippi Temporary Housing Program
99	-	Pre-Disaster Response
100	-	Emergency Preparedness Programs
101	4429	Feb 22-March 29, 2019 Flooding
102	4450	Severe Weather April 13, 2019
103	4470	Severe Weather October 26, 2019
104	4478	Severe Weather January 10-11, 2020
105	4528	Coronavirus Pandemic
106	4536	Severe Weather April 12, 2020 Easter Tornadoes
107	4538	Flooding Feb 10-18, 2020 (Pearl River Flood)
108	4248	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - North
109		Mississippi/Holly Springs
110	4268	Delta Flooding
111	4295	Pine Belt Tornado/Flooding
112	4314	Severe Storms, Flooding in Adams, Calhoun,
113		Carroll, Claiborne, Holmes, Jefferson, Montgomery,
114		Webster & Yazoo Counties
115	4350	Hurricane Nate
116	4415	Severe Storms, Flooding & Tornado in Clarke,



117 Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones,  
118 Marion, Newton, Perry & Wayne Counties  
119 4551 Severe Weather April 22-23, 2020  
120 3544 Hurricane Sally  
121 3548 Hurricane Delta  
122 4576 Hurricane Zeta  
123 4598 2021 Winter Storm  
124 3582 Water Crisis EM Dec.

125 **SECTION 7.** None of the funds appropriated in Section 4 of  
126 this act shall be used to establish a special reserve fund in the  
127 State Treasury for disaster relief except as provided for in  
128 Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972.

129 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
130 Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency may, upon  
131 the request of a local public emergency management organization in  
132 an area which has suffered a natural disaster, supply equipment to  
133 rural water associations to enable their continued operation when  
134 the local emergency management organization determines that such  
135 private entities provide services essential to the welfare of the  
136 community.

137 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
138 Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall  
139 provide enhanced training to local governments, supervisors,  
140 mayors, civil defense groups and municipal associations in  
141 disaster management.



142           **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
 143 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to  
 144 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
 145 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
 146 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

147           **SECTION 11.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 148 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 149 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 150 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 151 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 152 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 153 performance measures provided below:

154	FY2024
155 <u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
156 Emergency Mgmt Preparedness	
157       Percent of the Affected Population Informed	100.00
158       Average Time to Deliver Goods & Services	48
159 Recovery	
160       Number of Ongoing Projects	20
161       Number of Meetings Conducted	3,700
162       Average Cost per Project	20,000,000.00
163       Percent of Recovery Objectives Complete	100.00
164 Mitigation	
165       Number of Workshops Conducted	20
166       Number of Ongoing Projects	16



167 Average Cost per Project 50,000.00  
168 Percent Reduction in Damage Due to  
169 Natural and Man-Made Incidents 5.00

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

174 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
175 Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency  
176 shall have authority to transfer not more than Five Hundred  
177 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any general or special fund  
178 treasury fund and major object budget category to another special  
179 or general fund treasury fund and major object budget category  
180 accordingly under the control of the Mississippi Emergency  
181 Management Agency. The purpose of this authority is to more  
182 efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the  
183 intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the  
184 Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit written  
185 justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office  
186 and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the  
187 fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the  
188 transfer.

189 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
190 Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit a  
191 notification and summary of all state support funding on all





192 disasters that require general funds or state support special  
193 funds to the Legislative Budget Office.

194       **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that from  
195 any funds appropriated in this act, the agency shall maintain a  
196 minimum of nine (9) Area Coordinators to provide daily assistance  
197 to local jurisdictions with emergency management activities as  
198 well as to provide quicker response to incidents and/or disasters.  
199 In addition, it is the intent of the Legislature that these Area  
200 Coordinators shall reside in or within fifty (50) miles of their  
201 assigned districts.

202       **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
203 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
204 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
205 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
206 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
207 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
208 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
209 made without competitive bids.

210       **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
211 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
212 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi  
213 Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
214 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of defraying  
215 the expenses for vehicle purchases, as authorized in Senate Bill



216 No. 3018, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July  
217 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 75,500.00.

218 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
219 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
220 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
221 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
222 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
223 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

224 **SECTION 17.** The expenditure of the funds appropriated by  
225 this act shall be under the direction of the Governor and shall be  
226 paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
227 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
228 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
229 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
230 officers in the manner provided by law.

231 **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
232 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
233 June 30, 2023.

