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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3017

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR
3 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 purpose of
8 defraying the general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi
9 National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
10 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 8,506,126.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National
13 Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
14 Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws
15 of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No.
16 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air
17 National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying
18 out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state



19 agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
20 June 30, 2024.....\$ 144,985,663.00.

21 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
22 this act, the following positions are authorized:

23 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

24 Permanent: 755

25 Time-Limited: 18

26 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
27 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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31 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

32 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
33 Section 2 of this act, funds in the amount of Two Million Dollars
34 (\$2,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement
35 Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,
36 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the
37 expenses of the State Education Assistance Program.

38 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
39 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to
40 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
41 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
42 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.



43 **SECTION 6.** All funds authorized to be expended herein shall
44 be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the
45 provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.
46 If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby
47 expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein
48 appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest
49 rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such
50 investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested
51 in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the
52 United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county
53 or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal
54 bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have
55 been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said
56 bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall
57 mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested
58 will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

59 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
60 act, One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seventy-five
61 Dollars (\$1,928,075.00) shall be provided for the support of the
62 Youth Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

63 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
64 this act, Six Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Five
65 Dollars (\$626,505.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military
66 Museum located at Camp Shelby.



67 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this
68 act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and
69 personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs
70 associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of
71 funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and
72 members for per diems and travel expenses shall be expended from
73 any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi
74 National Guard for ancillary purposes.

75 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
76 this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
77 (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for
78 America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

79 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2 of
80 this act, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the
81 purchase of uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

82 **SECTION 12.** The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby
83 authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including
84 general funds or capital expense funds, to special funds within
85 the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant
86 matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer
87 shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the
88 Department of Finance and Administration.

89 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
91 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things



92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
96 made without competitive bids.

97 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
98 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
99 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
100 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
101 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
102 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
103 actions contrary to this provision.

104 **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
105 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
106 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
107 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
108 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
109 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

110 **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
111 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after
112 June 30, 2023.

