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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3017
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....\$ 8,733,452.00.

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.....\$ 181,328,744.00.

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

23 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

24 Permanent: 886

25 Time-Limited: 27

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31 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.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 Three
34 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000.00) shall be derived
35 from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections
36 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose
37 of defraying the expenses of the State Education Assistance
38 Program.

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



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

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

64 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
65 this act, Six Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-two
66 Dollars (\$642,692.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military
67 Museum located at Camp Shelby.



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

105 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
106 of Section 2 of this act, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00),
107 or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State
108 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
109 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
110 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This
111 appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds to
112 construct a new Fire, Crash, Rescue Station (FCRS) and renovate
113 the existing fire department building to a Small Air Terminal
114 (SAT) and Alert Crew Facility (ACF).

115 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
116 of Section 2 of this act, Four Million Seven Hundred Thirty-one
117 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,731,500.00), or so much thereof,



118 shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the
119 credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
120 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
121 determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made
122 for the fiber demarcation point (DEMARC) at Camp Shelby for needed
123 relocation, construction, and rehabilitation to the building and
124 equipment, including servers, network, hardware, and security
125 upgrades.

126 **SECTION 17.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
127 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
128 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
129 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
130 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
131 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

132 **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
133 and after July 1, 2023.

