

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Norwood,  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3019

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
7 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for  
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
9 June 30, 2024.....\$ 681,788.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
11 this act, the following positions are authorized:

12 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

13 Permanent: 6  
14 Time-Limited: 0

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

17 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
18 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



19 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
20 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

21       **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
22 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting  
23 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
24 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
25 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
26 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
27 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to  
28 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
29 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
30 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

31       **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
32 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
33 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
34 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
35 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
36 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
37 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
38 made without competitive bids.

39       **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that of  
40 the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, the Ethics Commission  
41 is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty  
42 insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.



43           **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
44 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
45 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
46 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
47 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
48 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
49 actions contrary to this provision.

50           **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
51 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
52 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Ethics Commission  
53 for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital  
54 Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3021, 2022 Regular Session to  
55 provide for upgrade and expansion of the Online Statement of  
56 Economic Interest System at the Ethics Commission for the fiscal  
57 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
58 .....\$ 10,000.00.

59           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
60 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
61 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
62 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
63 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
64 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

65           **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
66 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
67 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon



68 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
69 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
70 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

71       **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
72 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
73 June 30, 2023.

