

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3019
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....\$ 715,151.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
12 Treasury to the credit of the Ethics Commission, for the purpose
13 of defraying the expenses of the Ethics Commission of the State of
14 Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending

15 June 30, 2024.....\$ 14,536.00.

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

18 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:



19 Permanent: 6

20 Time-Limited: 0

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

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26 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

27 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
28 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting
29 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
30 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
31 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
32 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
33 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to
34 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
35 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
36 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

37 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
38 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
39 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
40 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
41 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
42 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



43 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
44 made without competitive bids.

45 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that of
46 the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, the Ethics Commission
47 is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty
48 insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

49 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
50 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
51 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
52 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
53 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
54 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
55 actions contrary to this provision.

56 **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
57 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
58 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Ethics Commission
59 for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital
60 Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3021, 2022 Regular Session to
61 provide for upgrade and expansion of the Online Statement of
62 Economic Interest System at the Ethics Commission for the fiscal
63 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
64\$ 10,000.00.

65 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
66 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
67 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds



68 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
69 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
70 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

71 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
72 Section 2 of this act, Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six
73 Dollars (\$14,536.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of
74 any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital
75 Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code
76 of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State
77 Treasurer. These funds are provided for IT equipment and related
78 costs at the Ethics Commission.

79 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
80 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
81 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
82 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
83 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
84 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

85 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
86 and after July 1, 2023.

