

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Blackwell,  
Simmons (13th), Williams

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3046

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as  
5 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
6 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the  
7 expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal  
8 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
9 .....\$ 21,424,025.00.

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 Mississippi Development Authority or  
13 the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the  
14 expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the  
15 authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
16 June 30, 2024.....\$ 81,178,858.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 168

21 Time-Limited: 44

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

38 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
39 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
40 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
41 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
42 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
43 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written



44 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
45 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
46 appropriated level.

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

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

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

61 **SECTION 4.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
62 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
63 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
64 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
65 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
66 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
67 performance measures provided below:

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69	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
70	Global Business	
71	Number of National Recruitment Contacts	1,000
72	Number of International Investment Contracts	1,800
73	Number of International Trade Contacts	1,000
74	Number of Qualified National Prospects	225
75	Return on Investment	10.00
76	Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
77	Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
78	Minority & Small Business Dev	
79	Number of Minority & Small Business Contacts	8,000
80	Number of Minority Business	
81	Certification Applications Processed	170
82	Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged	
83	Contacts	2,300
84	State Contracting with Minority Business	55,000,000.00
85	Financial Resources	
86	Number of Requests for Financing or	
87	Incentives	225
88	Existing Industry & Business	
89	Number of Interactions with Interested	
90	Businesses	3,000
91	Number of Qualified Contacts	750
92	Number of Expansions	30
93	Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000



94	Energy	
95	Number of Energy Efficiency & Renewable	
96	Energy Direct Contacts	10,000
97	Community Services	
98	Awarded Grants and Loans for Community	
99	and Economic Development	50,000,000.00
100	Number of Grants and Loans Awarded	100
101	Support Services	
102	Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
103	Tourism	
104	Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	35,000
105	Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
106	Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	6.80
107	Welcome Centers	
108	Number of Tourists Registered	2,693,460
109	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
110	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
111	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
112	Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.	
113	<b>SECTION 5.</b> Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this	
114	act, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00)	
115	shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of	
116	Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi	
117	Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.	



118           **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
119 Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete  
120 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
121 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
122 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
123 Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
124 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be  
125 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
126 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
127 provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

128           **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of  
129 this act, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six  
130 Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so  
131 much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of  
132 supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for  
133 Fiscal Year 2024, and shall not be expended for any type of  
134 cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and  
135 allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand  
136 Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development  
137 Awards.

138           **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
139 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members  
140 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate  
141 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony  
142 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public



143 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening  
144 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has  
145 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or  
146 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following  
147 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the  
148 Mississippi State Legislature."

149       **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
150 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
151 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
152 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
153 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
154 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
155 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
156 made without competitive bids.

157       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
158 act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for  
159 the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Areas.

160       **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
161 act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for  
162 the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.

163       **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
164 Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to  
165 escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed  
166 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and



167 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a  
168 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

169         **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
170 Mississippi Development Authority shall submit a notification of  
171 any General Fund Transfers out of the major category Subsidies  
172 into any other major categories to the Legislative Budget Office.

173         **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
174 act, Twenty Thousand Twenty-five Dollars (\$20,025.00) shall be  
175 provided for the support of the Mississippi River Parkway  
176 Commission.

177         **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
178 act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to  
179 Innovate Mississippi.

180         **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
181 act, One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) is  
182 provided for the Energy High School Academy, established in  
183 Section 37-69-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

184         **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
185 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty Thousand  
186 Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Book  
187 Festival.

188         **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Hundred  
189 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided to the  
190 Mississippi Main Street Association for statewide support and  
191 operations.





192           **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
193 Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports  
194 on the status of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund projects to the  
195 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and  
196 Administration. It is further the intention of the Legislature  
197 that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint  
198 Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such  
199 related information on each project's expenditures with the  
200 subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

201           **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
202 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast  
203 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi  
204 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
205 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate  
206 Bill No. 3048, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning  
207 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$           798,475.00

208           These funds are provided for administrative expenses at the  
209 Mississippi Development Authority as outlined in Section 57-119-7,  
210 Mississippi Code of 1972.

211           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
212 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
213 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
214 remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the  
215 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
216 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



217           **SECTION 21.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
218 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
219 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi  
220 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
221 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Air Service  
222 Development Act, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3048, 2022  
223 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
224 ending June 30, 2024.....\$           246,431.00.

225           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
226 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
227 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
228 remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the  
229 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
230 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

231           **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
232 Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support  
233 to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in  
234 Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that  
235 materially affects the operations of such park.

236           **SECTION 23.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
237 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
238 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
239 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
240 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
241 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



242           **SECTION 24.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
243 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
244 June 30, 2023.

