

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

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3046  
(As Sent to Governor)

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 .....\$ 21,639,332.00.

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.....\$ 164,341,510.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 183

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 the State Personnel Board  
29 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
30 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
31 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023  
32 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
33 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
34 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
35 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
36 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
37 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
38 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

39 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
40 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
41 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
42 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do  
43 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If



44 the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the  
45 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
46 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
47 essential for the agency.

48 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
49 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
50 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
51 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
52 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
53 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
54 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
55 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
56 appropriated level.

57 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
58 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
59 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
60 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

65 **SECTION 4.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
66 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
67 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
68 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the



69 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 70 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 71 performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
74 Global Business	
75       Number of National Recruitment Contacts	1,000
76       Number of International Investment Contracts	1,800
77       Number of International Trade Contacts	1,000
78       Number of Qualified National Prospects	225
79       Return on Investment	10.00
80       Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
81       Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
82 Minority & Small Business Dev	
83       Number of Minority & Small Business Contacts	8,000
84       Number of Minority Business	
85             Certification Applications Processed	170
86       Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged	
87             Contacts	2,300
88       State Contracting with Minority Business	55,000,000.00
89 Financial Resources	
90       Number of Requests for Financing or	
91             Incentives	225
92 Existing Industry & Business	
93       Number of Interactions with Interested	



94	Businesses	3,000
95	Number of Qualified Contacts	750
96	Number of Expansions	30
97	Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000
98	Energy	
99	Number of Energy Efficiency & Renewable	
100	Energy Direct Contacts	10,000
101	Community Services	
102	Awarded Grants and Loans for Community	
103	and Economic Development	50,000,000.00
104	Number of Grants and Loans Awarded	100
105	Support Services	
106	Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
107	Tourism	
108	Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	35,000
109	Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
110	Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	6.80
111	Welcome Centers	
112	Number of Tourists Registered	2,693,460
113	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
114	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
115	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
116	Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.	
117	<b>SECTION 5.</b> Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this	
118	act, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00)	



119 shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of  
120 Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi  
121 Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.

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

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

142         **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
143 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members



144 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate  
145 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony  
146 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public  
147 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening  
148 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has  
149 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or  
150 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following  
151 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the  
152 Mississippi State Legislature."

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

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

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

167       **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
168 Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to



169 escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed  
170 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and  
171 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a  
172 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

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

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

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

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

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

192       **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Hundred  
193 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided to the





194 Mississippi Main Street Association for statewide support and  
195 operations.

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

205       **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
206 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast  
207 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi  
208 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
209 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate  
210 Bill No. 3048, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning  
211 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$     776,633.00.

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

215       Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
216 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
217 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
218 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the



219 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
220 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

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

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

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

240       **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
241 act, the amount of Eighty-one Million One Hundred Five Thousand  
242 Dollars (\$81,105,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary,  
243 is allocated from the Triple Crown Project Fund to fund eligible



244 projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f) (xxxi) as provided in  
245 House Bill No. 1, 2022 First Extraordinary Session.

246       **SECTION 24.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
247 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
248 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
249 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
250 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
251 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

252       **SECTION 25.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
253 and after July 1, 2023.

