

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3115

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ARPA RURAL WATER
3 ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING
4 ON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
8 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
9 Department of Health for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural
10 Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established under
11 Section 41-3-16.1 for the period beginning upon the passage of
12 this act and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 75,000,000.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
14 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Health.

15 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated
16 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an
17 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in
18 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
19 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as



20 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
21 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,
22 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or
23 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of
24 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not
25 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in
26 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,
27 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal
28 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In
29 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated
30 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit
31 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the
32 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal
33 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient
34 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
35 requirements.

36 **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
37 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the
38 department shall certify to the Department of Finance and
39 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to
40 the department under this act complies with the guidelines,
41 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
42 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
43 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State



44 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act
45 of 2021.

46 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
47 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
48 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
49 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the
50 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the
51 department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the
52 funds appropriated to the department under this act for any
53 purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance,
54 rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from
55 time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury
56 regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
57 Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,
58 and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal
59 government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector
60 General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by
61 the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that
62 expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be
63 required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of
64 Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

65 **SECTION 4.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
66 be used to pay employee premium payments.

67 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
68 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State



69 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
70 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
71 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
72 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

73 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
74 and after its passage, and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

