

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Butler (36th),  
Jackson

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3117

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF INSURANCE FOR THE  
3 PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' LIFE AND  
4 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCURRED ON OR AFTER  
5 MARCH 3, 2021, THROUGH THE FINAL EXPENDITURE DATE AS DETERMINED BY  
6 THE UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE PASSAGE  
7 OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
11 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
12 Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Insurance for  
13 the purpose of reimbursing the State and School Employees' Life  
14 and Health Insurance Plan for eligible expenses incurred on or  
15 after March 3, 2021, through the final expenditure date as  
16 determined by the United States Treasury for the period beginning  
17 on the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024.....  
18 .....\$ 30,000,000.00.



19           **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of  
20 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance  
21 and Administration - Office of Insurance.

22           (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
23 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
24 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
25 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
26 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
27 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
28 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
29 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
30 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
31 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
32 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
33 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
34 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
35 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
36 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
37 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
38 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
39 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
40 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
41 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
42 requirements.



43 (3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this  
44 act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

45 **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
46 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the  
47 department shall certify to the Department of Finance and  
48 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to  
49 the department under this act complies with the guidelines,  
50 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
51 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
52 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State  
53 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

54 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
55 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
56 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
57 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
58 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended  
59 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department  
60 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
61 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
62 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
63 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
64 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
65 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
66 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
67 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or



68 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or  
69 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
70 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
71 the federal government.

72       **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
73 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State  
74 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants  
75 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
76 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
77 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

78       **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
79 and after its passage, and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

