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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.

