

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2444

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

57 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
58 amended as follows:

59 27-104-321. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the
60 State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
61 Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
62 (Public Law No. 117-2) shall be deposited into the Coronavirus
63 State Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this
64 section.

65 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
66 be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund."
67 The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited
68 into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds
69 appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any
70 manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit
71 into the special fund. Monies in the fund shall only be spent
72 upon appropriation by the Legislature, and shall only be used as
73 provided in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section

74 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No.
75 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or
76 guidelines, and also may be used for paying expenses of the
77 Department of Finance and Administration in administering
78 expenditures from the funds.

79 (3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the
80 end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund
81 but shall remain in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.
82 Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the
83 special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

84 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-104-325, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
85 brought forward as follows:

86 27-104-325. There is created in the State Treasury a special
87 fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
88 Lost Revenue Fund," which shall consist of funds calculated based
89 on a reduction in the state's general revenue due to the
90 coronavirus public health emergency, made available through the
91 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American
92 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and transferred into the fund by act of
93 the Legislature. The fund shall be maintained by the State
94 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from
95 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in
96 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the
97 State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned
98 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the
99 fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of

100 Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
101 for the purpose of providing government services.

102 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-106-60, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
103 brought forward as follows:

104 37-106-60. (1) This section shall be known as the Nursing
105 and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program.

106 (2) There is created a forgivable loan program for study in
107 nursing to become a licensed practical nurse or a registered
108 nurse, for advanced study in nursing by licensed registered
109 nurses, or for study in respiratory therapy to become a
110 respiratory therapist. Forgivable loans are established and shall
111 be allocated to students who: (a) are accepted and enrolled in an
112 accredited nursing program or respiratory therapy program approved
113 by the board; (b) complete an application by the deadline
114 established by the board; and (c) enter into contract with the
115 board, obligating themselves to pursue to completion the course of
116 study agreed upon, and following the completion of the course of
117 study, to practice nursing or respiratory therapy, as the case may
118 be, in the State of Mississippi for not less than five (5) years.

119 (3) Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as
120 outlined in Section 37-106-53, except that the following
121 provisions shall apply instead of subsection (1)(b) of that
122 section: In lieu of payment in full of both principal and
123 interest, a loan recipient under this section may elect to repay
124 by entry into service employment as provided in subsection (2)(c)
125 of this section. Repayment under this option shall convert the

126 loan to an interest-free scholarship and discharge the same, on
127 the basis of one fifth (1/5) of the total loan amount for each
128 full year of service, or the appropriate proportion of the total
129 outstanding balance of principal and interest, all as established
130 by rule and regulation of the board. If at any time before the
131 repayment in full of the total obligation the recipient abandons
132 or abrogates repayment by this service option, the provisions of
133 Section 37-106-53(1)(c) shall apply.

134 (4) The board shall establish the rules and regulations as
135 it deems necessary and proper to carry out the purposes and intent
136 of this section.

137 **SECTION 4.** Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
138 brought forward as follows:

139 41-3-16.1. (1) The State Department of Health (department)
140 shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural
141 Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to
142 assist rural water associations in the construction of eligible
143 drinking water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final
144 Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as
145 established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

146 (2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the
147 Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
148 Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for
149 the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section. It is
150 the intent of the Legislature that, in the first fiscal year after
151 April 25, 2022, twenty percent (20%) of the funds appropriated to

152 the department for the program be obligated to projects that have
153 completed plans and specifications, acquired all necessary land
154 and/or easements, and are ready to proceed to construction.

155 (3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline
156 set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of
157 the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and
158 guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through
159 ARPA.

160 (4) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking
161 the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include
162 the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact
163 of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to
164 address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the
165 extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the
166 number of people served by the project (both new and existing
167 users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/
168 overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts
169 to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives;
170 (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or
171 in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant
172 applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical
173 operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant
174 applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner
175 and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by
176 rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the
177 Treasury for ARPA funds.

178 (5) An application for a grant under this section shall be
179 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such
180 information as the department prescribes.

181 (6) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under
182 this section, the department shall enter into a project grant
183 agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant
184 for the project, including the amount of the grant. The maximum
185 amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water
186 association from all grants under the program is Two Million Five
187 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

188 (7) The department shall have all powers necessary to
189 implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated
190 to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%)
191 may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of
192 administering the program.

193 (8) In carrying out its responsibilities under the program,
194 for any contract under the purview of the Public Procurement
195 Review Board (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any
196 requirement that the PPRB approve any personal or professional
197 services contracts or pre-approve any solicitation of such
198 contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

199 (9) The department shall submit an annual report regarding
200 the program no later than December 31 of each year to the
201 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of
202 the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

203 **SECTION 5.** Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
204 brought forward as follows:

205 41-14-31. (1) The Mississippi Department of Health shall
206 establish and administer the Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity
207 Program for the purpose of providing funds to hospitals that
208 increased treatment capacity related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
209 The program shall make grants to hospitals as a reimbursement for
210 expenses incurred during the period beginning on March 3, 2021,
211 through December 31, 2023, in the following manner:

212 (a) Funds shall first be expended for the reimbursement
213 to hospitals for the creation of ICU beds at a maximum amount of
214 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per bed. If the
215 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all
216 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this
217 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the
218 reimbursement to each hospital per ICU bed created.

219 (b) After such reimbursement is made in paragraph (a)
220 of this subsection, any remaining funds shall be used to reimburse
221 hospitals for the creation of negative pressure beds at a maximum
222 amount of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per bed. If the
223 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all
224 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this
225 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the
226 reimbursement to each hospital per negative pressure bed created.

227 (2) The Department of Health shall:

228 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
229 implement the purposes of this act.

230 (b) Require all applications for grants to be filed no
231 later than December 31, 2023.

232 (c) Require recipients of funds under this program to
233 certify that the reimbursement for the creation of the intensive
234 care units or negative pressure room is for allowable expenditures
235 under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Public Law
236 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act; and its
237 implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other
238 criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by
239 the United States Department of the Treasury.

240 (d) Certify to the Department of Finance and
241 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to
242 the office under this act is in compliance with the guidelines,
243 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
244 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
245 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
246 Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of ARPA.

247 (3) The department shall not:

248 (a) Reimburse hospitals for funds expended by the
249 "Mississippi ICU Infrastructure Act," Sections 41-14-1 through
250 41-14-11.

251 (b) Reimburse hospitals for professional fees expended
252 in the creation of the beds.

253 (4) The Department of Health may retain up to One Hundred
254 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the funds appropriated to
255 the program established in this act to pay reasonable expenses
256 incurred in the administration of the program.

257 (5) The department shall operate and administer the grant
258 program from funds appropriated by the Legislature from the
259 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

260 (6) The Department of Health shall submit to the Joint
261 Legislative Budget Committee before October 1 of each year an
262 annual report containing, at a minimum, the number of submitted
263 applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each hospital
264 for both ICU beds and negative pressure beds, and the number of
265 ICU beds and negative pressure beds that were provided a
266 reimbursement.

267 (7) This act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

268 **SECTION 6.** Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
269 amended as follows:

270 41-139-1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms
271 shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

272 (a) "Local health care provider" or "provider" means a
273 facility that is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or
274 permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course of
275 business in the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited
276 to, skilled nursing facilities, direct primary care clinics,
277 provider owned clinics, rural health clinics, academic medical

278 centers, community health centers and/or independent physician
279 practices.

280 (b) "Transitional assistance" means any assistance
281 related to changing a provider's current health care delivery
282 model to a model more appropriate for the community that the
283 provider serves, including, but not limited to:

284 (i) Conducting a market study of health care
285 services needed and provided in the community;

286 (ii) Acquiring and implementing new technological
287 tools and infrastructure, including, but not limited to,
288 telemedicine delivery methods, development of health information
289 exchange platforms to electronically share medical records,
290 electronic health record optimization, purchasing connected
291 devices, upgrading digital devices, improving broadband
292 connectivity, public health reporting, and implementing online or
293 mobile patient appointment management applications; and

294 (iii) Supporting the implementation of population
295 health management.

296 (2) There is established the COVID-19 Mississippi Local
297 Provider Innovation Grant Program to be administered by the State
298 Department of Health. The program and any grant awarded under the
299 program shall be for the purpose of strengthening and improving
300 the health care system and increasing access to health care
301 services providers to help communities achieve and maintain
302 optimal health by providing transitional assistance to providers.

303 The department may award an innovation grant to a local health
304 care provider that applies in accordance with this section.

305 (3) Eligible local health care providers shall provide the
306 following information to the department in their application for a
307 grant:

308 (a) A description of the location or locations for
309 which the grant monies will be expended, including the name and
310 locations of where the provider administers health care services;

311 (b) A statement of the amount of grant monies
312 requested;

313 (c) A description of the needs of the provider, the
314 transitional assistance for which the grant monies will be
315 expended and how such transitional assistance will meet the stated
316 needs;

317 (d) Evidence that the provider has played an active
318 role in the community to combat the spread of COVID-19, including,
319 but not limited to, testing, vaccination and antibody treatment;
320 and

321 (e) Any other information that the department deems
322 necessary to administer this section.

323 (4) Applicants are limited to one (1) application per
324 business entity as determined by the applicant's business filing
325 status with the Secretary of State. Subsidiaries of the entity
326 are not eligible to submit separate applications. Health systems
327 that affiliate, own or control multiple clinics are only eligible
328 to submit to one (1) application under the parent entity. The

329 department shall determine the amount of the grant to be awarded
330 to each applicant based on the factors detailed in the
331 application * * *. Applicants for grants that were approved and
332 funded in the first round of grants awarded during fiscal year
333 2023 are eligible to apply for the second round of grants awarded
334 during fiscal year 2024. The maximum amount of * * * any one (1)
335 grant that may be awarded to an applicant * * * is Two Hundred
336 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). Grants may be used for
337 reimbursement of expenses of transitional assistance meeting
338 federal and state requirements that were incurred by providers
339 during the period beginning on March 3, 2021, through December 31,
340 2024.

341 (5) * * * The department may expend up to one and one-half
342 percent (1-1/2%) of the amount appropriated for the program for
343 the expenses of administering the program, or the specific amount
344 authorized for administrative expenses in the appropriation bill
345 if that amount is higher.

346 **SECTION 7.** Section 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
347 amended as follows:

348 45-2-41. (1) There is created the "Mississippi Law
349 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program," which shall be
350 administered by the Department of Public Safety to provide premium
351 pay to those law enforcement officers and firefighters in the
352 State of Mississippi as provided for in subsection (2) of this
353 section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Public Safety
354 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all

355 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
356 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund for the
357 program established under this section.

358 (2) The program shall be funded from monies appropriated by
359 the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost
360 Revenue Fund for that purpose. The Department of Public Safety
361 shall distribute the monies for the program in accordance with the
362 following:

363 (a) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay
364 shall be paid to each eligible individual, except as otherwise
365 provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (2).

366 (b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time
367 and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time
368 and part-time firefighters who are serving in the State of
369 Mississippi on July 1, 2022, except those excluded under
370 paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection (2). If a person is an
371 eligible individual in more than one (1) position covered under
372 this paragraph, that person shall only be eligible for one (1)
373 payment of premium pay under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

374 (c) Any law enforcement officer who received hazard pay
375 from the Governor's discretionary funds authorized by the
376 Legislature from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic
377 Security Act is not eligible to receive monies under this section.

378 (d) Any law enforcement officer or firefighter who
379 received One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more of premium pay
380 from the county, municipality or other governmental entity that

381 employed them from funds received under the federal American
382 Rescue Plan Act is not eligible to receive monies under this
383 section. However, any law enforcement officer or firefighter who
384 received less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay
385 from the county, municipality or other governmental entity that
386 employed them from funds received under the federal American
387 Rescue Plan Act is eligible to receive from the monies under this
388 section the difference between the amount of premium pay received
389 from their employer and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

390 (* * *e) The department also shall distribute monies
391 to counties, municipalities and other governmental entities that,
392 before July 1, 2022, paid premium pay to law enforcement officers
393 and firefighters employed by them from funds received under the
394 federal American Rescue Plan Act, to reimburse those governmental
395 entities for not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the
396 amount of premium pay that the governmental entity paid to each
397 recipient.

398 **SECTION 8.** Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
399 amended as follows:

400 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
401 (2) through * * * (12), the salaries of sheriffs of the various
402 counties are fixed as full compensation for their services.

403 The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the
404 total population of his county according to the latest federal
405 decennial census in the following categories and for the following
406 amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary

407 authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon
408 the population of the county according to the most recent federal
409 decennial census:

410 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
411 one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of One Hundred Four
412 Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00).

413 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
414 forty-four thousand (44,000) and not more than one hundred
415 thousand (100,000), a salary of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars
416 (\$95,000.00).

417 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
418 thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than forty-four thousand
419 (44,000), a salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

420 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
421 twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) and not more than thirty
422 thousand (30,000), a salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars
423 (\$85,000.00).

424 (e) For counties with a total population of not more
425 than twelve thousand five hundred (12,500), a salary of Eighty
426 Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

427 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
428 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in
429 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
430 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
431 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual

432 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
433 county for the following reasons:

434 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
435 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

436 (b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
437 and maintains a community work center within the county;

438 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the
439 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

440 (d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the
441 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

442 (e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court
443 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the
444 Leflore County Courthouse;

445 (f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation
446 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to
447 provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as
448 patients from within the county;

449 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support
450 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the
451 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the
452 sheriff; and

453 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in
454 place in Leflore County have been placed under the direction and
455 control of the sheriff.

456 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
457 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its

458 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
459 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
460 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
461 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
462 county for the following reasons:

463 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
464 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
465 the county;

466 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained
467 within the county at Whitfield;

468 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for
469 the care and treatment of persons with an intellectual disability,
470 is located within the county;

471 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training
472 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

473 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
474 within the county;

475 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
476 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
477 the county;

478 (g) The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International
479 Airport is located within the county;

480 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
481 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
482 and

483 (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to
484 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,
485 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution
486 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property
487 located in Rankin County.

488 (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
489 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall
490 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount
491 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

492 (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
493 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County, in its
494 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
495 county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),
496 payable beginning April 1, 1997.

497 (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
498 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall
499 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount
500 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature
501 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this
502 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

503 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
504 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one
505 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
506 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

507 (b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the
508 seat of all state government offices;

509 (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in
510 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875)
511 square miles;

512 (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial
513 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

514 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four
515 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges
516 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting
517 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for
518 all;

519 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the
520 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for
521 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the
522 county;

523 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State
524 University, is located within the county;

525 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
526 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
527 hospital, is located within the county;

528 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's
529 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

530 (j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the
531 Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

532 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in
533 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department
534 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing

535 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate
536 detention facilities;

537 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more
538 mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other
539 sheriff's department in the state;

540 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains
541 a restitution center within the county;

542 (n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly
543 houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the
544 Hinds County jail system; and

545 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly
546 asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and
547 Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of
548 Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

549 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
550 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in
551 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
552 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
553 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
554 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
555 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
556 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
557 correctional facility within the county.

558 (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
559 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in
560 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the

561 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
562 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
563 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
564 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
565 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
566 correctional facility within the county.

567 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
568 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
569 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
570 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
571 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
572 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
573 county for the following reasons:

574 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
575 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
576 the county;

577 (b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one
578 thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were
579 constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
580 the county; and

581 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located
582 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff
583 justifying additional compensation.

584 (10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
585 this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
586 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the

587 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
588 (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the
589 minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this
590 subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements
591 authorized in subsections (2) through (9).

592 (11) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1)
593 and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10),
594 the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay
595 an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand
596 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a
597 juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the
598 supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

599 (12) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1)
600 and any supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (11), a
601 sheriff may receive the premium pay provided for in Section
602 45-2-41 as part of the sheriff's compensation.

603 (* * *13) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall
604 be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by
605 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;
606 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and
607 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be
608 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If
609 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
610 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
611 legal holiday.

612 (b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee
613 collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the
614 provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of
615 Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries
616 authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount
617 was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331,
618 Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to
619 the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

620 (* * *14) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty
621 (20) hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement.
622 Such courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
623 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education
624 courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy
625 or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

626 (b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
627 Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the
628 expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance
629 at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.

630 **SECTION 9.** Section 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
631 brought forward as follows:

632 49-2-131. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
633 as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure
634 Grant Program Act of 2022."

635 (2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi
636 Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality
637 and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which

638 municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not
639 regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply for
640 reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water,
641 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the
642 Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made
643 available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
644 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and
645 counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery
646 Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one
647 matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a
648 county transfers to a municipality or that a county or
649 municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated by the
650 Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one matching
651 basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars
652 (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local
653 Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on
654 the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be
655 awarded to them under ARPA. The total funds provided for all
656 two-to-one matches shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars
657 (\$50,000,000.00). The dollar amount for professional fees that
658 can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public
659 utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the
660 total project cost.

661 (3) For purposes of this section, unless the context
662 requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings
663 ascribed herein:

664 (a) "MCWI Grant Program" means the Mississippi
665 Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

666 (b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act
667 of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social
668 Security Act.

669 (c) "State Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus State
670 Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of
671 the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal
672 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

673 (d) "Local Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus Local
674 Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 603 of Title VI of
675 the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal
676 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

677 (e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
678 Quality.

679 (f) "Professional fees" means fees for the services of
680 attorneys and engineering, surveying, and environmental studies.

681 (g) "Project" means the infrastructure improvements
682 defined in an application that (i) complies with all requirements
683 of ARPA, and (ii) is eligible for a grant award under this
684 section.

685 (4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of
686 Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations
687 necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under
688 this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The
689 department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi

690 Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of
691 this section.

692 (b) The Department of Health shall advise the
693 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such
694 rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking
695 Water Act.

696 (5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated
697 to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of
698 Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding, including,
699 but not be limited to, the following:

700 (a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

701 (b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a
702 nonpoint source pollution management program established under the
703 Clean Water Act (CWA);

704 (c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that
705 treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

706 (d) Management and treatment of stormwater or
707 subsurface drainage water;

708 (e) Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures;

709 (f) Development and implementation of a conservation
710 and management plan under the CWA;

711 (g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth
712 in the CWA;

713 (h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned
714 treatment works;

715 (i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or
716 subsurface drainage water;

717 (j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

718 (k) Transmission and distribution, including
719 improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in
720 infrastructure and lead service line replacements;

721 (l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water
722 or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and
723 recovery system for water storage;

724 (m) Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent
725 contaminants or equalize water demands;

726 (n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of
727 systems;

728 (o) New community water systems;

729 (p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement
730 of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater
731 infrastructure;

732 (q) Dam and reservoir rehabilitation, if the primary
733 purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and
734 project is necessary for the provision of drinking water;

735 (r) Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible
736 under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure
737 Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act; and

738 (s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or
739 stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,

740 regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to
741 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

742 (6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or
743 public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service
744 Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this
745 section if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811,
746 Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to
747 the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them
748 under this section is in compliance with ARPA guidelines,
749 guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended
750 from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury
751 regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State
752 Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the
753 dates established by the department.

754 (7) An application for a grant under this section shall be
755 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such
756 information as the department prescribes. Each application for
757 grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a)
758 applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of
759 project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by
760 the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population,
761 median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates);
762 (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct
763 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be
764 received from the federal government, a certification that such
765 funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the

766 application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated
767 project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering
768 services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information
769 about status of obtaining any required permits.

770 (8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking
771 the grant applications received. When applying the ranking
772 system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects
773 that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the
774 department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction
775 within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the
776 municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide
777 applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional
778 consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system
779 shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the
780 environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed
781 project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal
782 requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes
783 economic development; (d) the number of people served by the
784 project and the number of communities the project serves; (e)
785 impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened
786 communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure
787 funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the
788 grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind
789 cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's
790 long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and
791 maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to

792 initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed
793 project by the deadline specified by the United States Department
794 of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the
795 project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional
796 manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service
797 infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and
798 (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

799 (9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on
800 addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community,
801 including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that
802 lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in
803 unsewered areas and providing regional development of
804 infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

805 (10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are
806 received. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
807 shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary
808 investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as
809 defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable
810 guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury.
811 The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of
812 recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of
813 recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for
814 its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the
815 recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.
816 All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the
817 executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the

818 City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the
819 Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury.
820 Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a
821 grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant.
822 Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department
823 obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department
824 is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed;
825 however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of
826 the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded
827 by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the
828 second or subsequent rounds which shall occur no later than six
829 (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment
830 between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent
831 (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the
832 three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater
833 projects and stormwater projects. In second or subsequent rounds,
834 any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

835 (11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant
836 funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the
837 enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented
838 and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must
839 agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow
840 all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound
841 practices in the administration of the funds.

842 (12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in
843 compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or

844 other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United
845 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from
846 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the
847 American Rescue Plan of 2021.

848 (b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall
849 be subject to audit by the United States Department of the
850 Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office
851 of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these
852 programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the
853 requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a
854 portion of the funds received.

855 (13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor,
856 Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen,
857 and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual
858 reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance
859 and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of
860 Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received,
861 the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded
862 to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each
863 applicant, and status of each applicant's project.

864 (14) Grant funds shall be available under this section
865 through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure
866 deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs
867 later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for
868 which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by
869 December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact

870 an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds,
871 then the grant recipient will complete the project through other
872 funds.

873 (15) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality may
874 retain an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total
875 funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

876 (16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the
877 Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal
878 or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the
879 solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its
880 responsibilities under this section. This subsection shall stand
881 repealed on January 1, 2026.

882 (17) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on
883 January 1, 2027.

884 **SECTION 10.** Section 57-123-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
885 brought forward as follows:

886 57-123-7. (1) As used in this section, the following words
887 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section
888 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

889 (a) "Destination marketing organization" means:

890 (i) Special local governmental units created by
891 local and private laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose
892 of tourism promotion, funded by special local tax levies, and
893 staffed with professionals engaged in out-of-state tourism
894 marketing and tourism product development for municipalities,
895 counties and/or regions; or

896 (ii) Publicly-funded local organizations that
897 engage in out-of-state tourism marketing and tourism development
898 for municipalities, counties and/or regions.

899 (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing
900 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and
901 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel
902 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public
903 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group
904 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to
905 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption
906 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1
907 of Chapter 399, Laws of 2022.

908 (2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall
909 establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist
910 destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing
911 activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the
912 Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall
913 be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions
914 on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
915 Fund for the program established under this section. The
916 Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in
917 conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the
918 allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as
919 follows:

920 (i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred
921 Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars

922 (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination
923 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a
924 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to
925 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing
926 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the
927 2019 fiscal year, and

928 (ii) Not more than Twenty Million Five Hundred
929 Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars
930 (\$20,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination
931 marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination
932 marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism
933 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit
934 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination
935 marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism
936 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit
937 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination
938 marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than Two
939 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under this
940 subparagraph (ii).

941 (b) Within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 2022, the
942 Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the
943 funds allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to
944 eligible destination marketing organizations. Before receiving
945 funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing
946 organization must certify to the Department of Finance and
947 Administration that:

948 (i) The funds will only be used for marketing
949 activities, and

950 (ii) The destination marketing organization will
951 comply with applicable federal and state regulations and
952 requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and

953 (iii) The destination marketing organization will
954 obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all
955 funds by December 31, 2026.

956 (c) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds
957 under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related
958 to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving
959 funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their
960 marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel
961 occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and
962 analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such
963 destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual
964 reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing
965 activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the
966 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
967 Representatives and the Department of Audit.

968 (d) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination
969 marketing organizations will give preference, when available and
970 practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts
971 entered into for marketing activities.

972 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the
973 Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the
974 implementation of this section.

975 **SECTION 11.** Section 57-123-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
976 brought forward as follows:

977 57-123-9. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
978 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing assistance
979 to Mississippi nonprofit museums as provided in this section.
980 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
981 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
982 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
983 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
984 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
985 shall disburse funds under this section to nonprofit museums
986 located in municipalities with a population of not more than fifty
987 thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial census
988 to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other
989 forms of promoting and publicizing nonprofit museums and museum
990 related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades
991 and improvements to such museums for health and safety purposes
992 related to the Coronavirus Disease 19. Of the monies disbursed by
993 the Department of Finance and Administration under this section,
994 twenty-five percent (25%) of such monies shall be used to provide
995 assistance for requests for assistance of less than Three Hundred
996 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00); thirty-five percent (35%) of such
997 monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for

998 assistance of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or more
999 but less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) and
1000 forty percent (40%) of such monies shall be used to provide
1001 assistance for requests for assistance of Seven Hundred Thousand
1002 Dollars (\$700,000.00) or more. A museum desiring assistance under
1003 this section must submit an application to the Department of
1004 Finance and Administration. The application must include a
1005 description of the purposes for which the assistance is requested,
1006 the amount of the assistance requested and any other information
1007 required by the department.

1008 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have
1009 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

1010 **SECTION 12.** Section 57-123-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1011 brought forward as follows:

1012 57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
1013 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to
1014 Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section.
1015 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
1016 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
1017 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
1018 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
1019 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
1020 shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street
1021 Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization
1022 grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

1023 2020 Number of Grant Total

1024	population	communities	amount	grants
1025	More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
1026	Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
1027	Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

1028 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have
1029 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

1030 **SECTION 13.** Section 3, Chapter 53, Laws of 2022, is amended
1031 as follows:

1032 Section 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
1033 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

1034 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

1035	Permanent:	Full Time.....	60
1036	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0

1037 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
1038 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
1039 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds
1040 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
1041 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi
1042 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
1043 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
1044 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
1045 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
1046 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
1047 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
1048 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
1049 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023

1050 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
1051 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
1052 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

1053 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
1054 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
1055 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
1056 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
1057 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
1058 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
1059 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
1060 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
1061 appropriated level.

1062 The State Fire Academy is authorized to accept and expend any
1063 funds received through the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire
1064 Fighters Premium Pay Program created under Section 45-2-41,
1065 Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds shall be received and
1066 expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of
1067 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the
1068 escalation of federal funds, not to exceed the amount provided to
1069 the State Fire Academy through the Premium Pay Program.

1070 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
1071 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
1072 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
1073 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

1074 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
1075 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating

1076 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
1077 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

1078 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
1079 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
1080 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
1081 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
1082 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
1083 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

1084 **SECTION 14.** Section 3, Chapter 79, Laws of 2022, is amended
1085 as follows:

1086 Section 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
1087 this act, the following positions are authorized:

1088 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

1089 Permanent: 103

1090 Time-Limited: 74

1091 Each Marine Conservation Officer and Supervisor shall be
1092 furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Six Hundred
1093 Dollars (\$600.00) per annum.

1094 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
1095 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
1096 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds
1097 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
1098 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi
1099 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
1100 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
1101 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board

1102 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
1103 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
1104 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
1105 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
1106 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
1107 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
1108 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
1109 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

1110 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
1111 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
1112 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
1113 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
1114 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
1115 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
1116 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
1117 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
1118 appropriated level.

1119 The Department of Marine Resources is authorized to accept
1120 and expend any funds received through the Mississippi Law
1121 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program created under
1122 Section 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds shall be
1123 received and expended under the rules and regulations of the
1124 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent
1125 with the escalation of federal funds, not to exceed the amount
1126 provided to the Department of Marine Resources through the Premium
1127 Pay Program.

1128 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
1129 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
1130 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
1131 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

1132 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
1133 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
1134 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
1135 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

1136 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
1137 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
1138 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
1139 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
1140 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
1141 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

1142 **SECTION 15.** Section 3, Chapter 91, Laws of 2022, is amended
1143 as follows:

1144 Section 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
1145 this act, the following positions are authorized:

1146 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

1147 Permanent: 1,771

1148 Time-Limited: 80

1149 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
1150 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
1151 Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds
1152 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
1153 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi

1154 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
1155 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
1156 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
1157 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
1158 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
1159 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
1160 Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
1161 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
1162 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
1163 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
1164 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

1165 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
1166 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
1167 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
1168 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
1169 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
1170 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
1171 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
1172 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
1173 appropriated level.

1174 The Department of Public Safety is authorized to accept and
1175 expend any funds received through the Mississippi Law Enforcement
1176 and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program created under Section
1177 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds shall be received
1178 and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of
1179 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the

1180 escalation of federal funds, not to exceed the amount provided to
1181 the Department of Public Safety for premium pay for eligible
1182 individuals of the department.

1183 No General Funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
1184 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
1185 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
1186 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

1187 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
1188 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
1189 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
1190 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

1191 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
1192 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
1193 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
1194 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
1195 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
1196 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

1197 **SECTION 16.** Section 3, Chapter 93, Laws of 2022, is amended
1198 as follows:

1199 Section 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
1200 this act, the following positions are authorized:

1201 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

1202 Permanent: 886

1203 Time-Limited: 27

1204 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
1205 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

1206 The Mississippi National Guard is authorized to accept and
1207 expend any funds received through the Mississippi Law Enforcement
1208 and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program created under Section
1209 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds shall be received
1210 and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of
1211 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the
1212 escalation of federal funds, not to exceed the amount provided to
1213 the Mississippi National Guard through the Premium Pay Program.

1214 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
1215 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
1216 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
1217 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

1218 **SECTION 17.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1219 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; SECTION 27-104-325, MISSISSIPPI
3 CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY
4 LOST REVENUE FUND; SECTION 37-106-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
5 WHICH CREATED THE NURSING AND RESPIRATORY THERAPY EDUCATION
6 INCENTIVE PROGRAM; SECTION 41-3-16.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
7 WHICH CREATED THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE
8 GRANT PROGRAM; SECTION 41-14-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
9 CREATED THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL EXPANDED CAPACITY PROGRAM; SECTION
10 49-2-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI
11 MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT;
12 SECTION 57-123-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED A
13 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST DESTINATION MARKETING
14 ORGANIZATIONS IN PAYING COSTS FOR MARKETING ACTIVITIES; SECTION
15 57-123-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO
16 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MISSISSIPPI NONPROFIT MUSEUMS; AND SECTION
17 57-123-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED A PROGRAM TO
18 PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND

19 SECTION 27-104-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS
20 IN THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO BE USED FOR
21 PAYING EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN
22 ADMINISTERING EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION
23 41-139-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS
24 OF THE COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI LOCAL PROVIDER INNOVATION GRANT
25 PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS THAT WERE APPROVED
26 AND FUNDED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF GRANTS AWARDED DURING FISCAL YEAR
27 2023 ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF GRANTS AWARDED
28 DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024; TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MAY BE USED FOR
29 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES THAT WERE INCURRED BY PROVIDERS DURING
30 THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON MARCH 3, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024;
31 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE PROGRAM BE FUNDED FROM THE
32 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAY EXPEND A PORTION OF THE AMOUNT
34 APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THE EXPENSES OF ADMINISTERING THE
35 PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 45-2-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
36 REVISE THE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT
37 AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; TO CLARIFY THE AMOUNT OF
38 PREMIUM PAY THAT A PERSON MAY RECEIVE FROM THIS PROGRAM IF THEY
39 RECEIVED PREMIUM PAY FROM THEIR EMPLOYER; TO AMEND SECTION
40 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SHERIFFS MAY
41 RECEIVE THE PREMIUM PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 45-2-41, AS PART OF
42 THEIR COMPENSATION; TO AMEND SECTION 3, CHAPTER 53, LAWS OF 2022,
43 TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FUNDS
44 RECEIVED THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS
45 PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 3, CHAPTER 79, LAWS OF 2022,
46 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO ACCEPT AND
47 EXPEND ANY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT
48 AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 3, CHAPTER
49 91, LAWS OF 2022, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
50 ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI LAW
51 ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; TO AMEND
52 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 93, LAWS OF 2022, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI
53 NATIONAL GUARD TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE
54 MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM;
55 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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