

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 604

BY: Committee

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 brought forward as follows:

11 49-2-131. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
12 as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure
13 Grant Program Act of 2022."

14 (2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi
15 Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality
16 and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which
17 municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not
18 regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply for



19 reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water,
20 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the
21 Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made
22 available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
23 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and
24 counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery
25 Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one
26 matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a
27 county transfers to a municipality or that a county or
28 municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated by the
29 Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one matching
30 basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars
31 (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local
32 Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on
33 the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be
34 awarded to them under ARPA. The total funds provided for all
35 two-to-one matches shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars
36 (\$50,000,000.00). The dollar amount for professional fees that
37 can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public
38 utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the
39 total project cost.

40 (3) For purposes of this section, unless the context
41 requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings
42 ascribed herein:



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

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

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

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

56 (e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
57 Quality.

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

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

64 (4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of
65 Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations
66 necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under
67 this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The



68 department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi
69 Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of
70 this section.

71 (b) The Department of Health shall advise the
72 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such
73 rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking
74 Water Act.

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

79 (a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

80 (b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a
81 nonpoint source pollution management program established under the
82 Clean Water Act (CWA);

83 (c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that
84 treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

85 (d) Management and treatment of stormwater or
86 subsurface drainage water;

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

88 (f) Development and implementation of a conservation
89 and management plan under the CWA;

90 (g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth
91 in the CWA;



92 (h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned
93 treatment works;

94 (i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or
95 subsurface drainage water;

96 (j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

97 (k) Transmission and distribution, including
98 improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in
99 infrastructure and lead service line replacements;

100 (l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water
101 or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and
102 recovery system for water storage;

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

105 (n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of
106 systems;

107 (o) New community water systems;

108 (p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement
109 of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater
110 infrastructure;

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

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



117 (s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or
118 stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,
119 regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to
120 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

121 (6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or
122 public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service
123 Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this
124 section if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811,
125 Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to
126 the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them
127 under this section is in compliance with ARPA guidelines,
128 guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended
129 from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury
130 regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State
131 Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the
132 dates established by the department.

133 (7) An application for a grant under this section shall be
134 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such
135 information as the department prescribes. Each application for
136 grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a)
137 applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of
138 project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by
139 the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population,
140 median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates);
141 (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct



142 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be
143 received from the federal government, a certification that such
144 funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the
145 application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated
146 project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering
147 services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information
148 about status of obtaining any required permits.

149 (8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking
150 the grant applications received. When applying the ranking
151 system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects
152 that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the
153 department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction
154 within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the
155 municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide
156 applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional
157 consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system
158 shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the
159 environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed
160 project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal
161 requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes
162 economic development; (d) the number of people served by the
163 project and the number of communities the project serves; (e)
164 impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened
165 communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure
166 funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the



167 grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind
168 cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's
169 long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and
170 maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to
171 initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed
172 project by the deadline specified by the United States Department
173 of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the
174 project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional
175 manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service
176 infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and
177 (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

178 (9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on
179 addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community,
180 including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that
181 lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in
182 unsewered areas and providing regional development of
183 infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

184 (10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are
185 received. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
186 shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary
187 investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as
188 defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable
189 guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury.
190 The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of
191 recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of



192 recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for
193 its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the
194 recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.
195 All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the
196 executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the
197 City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the
198 Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury.
199 Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a
200 grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant.
201 Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department
202 obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department
203 is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed;
204 however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of
205 the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded
206 by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the
207 second or subsequent rounds which shall occur no later than six
208 (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment
209 between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent
210 (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the
211 three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater
212 projects and stormwater projects. In second or subsequent rounds,
213 any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

214 (11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant
215 funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the
216 enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented



217 and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must
218 agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow
219 all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound
220 practices in the administration of the funds.

221 (12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in
222 compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or
223 other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United
224 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from
225 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the
226 American Rescue Plan of 2021.

227 (b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall
228 be subject to audit by the United States Department of the
229 Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office
230 of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these
231 programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the
232 requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a
233 portion of the funds received.

234 (13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor,
235 Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen,
236 and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual
237 reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance
238 and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of
239 Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received,
240 the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded



241 to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each
242 applicant, and status of each applicant's project.

243 (14) Grant funds shall be available under this section
244 through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure
245 deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs
246 later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for
247 which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by
248 December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact
249 an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds,
250 then the grant recipient will complete the project through other
251 funds.

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

255 (16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the
256 Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal
257 or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the
258 solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its
259 responsibilities under this section. This subsection shall stand
260 repealed on January 1, 2026.

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

263 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
264 brought forward as follows:



265 41-3-16.1. (1) The State Department of Health (department)
266 shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural
267 Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to
268 assist rural water associations in the construction of eligible
269 drinking water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final
270 Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as
271 established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

272 (2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the
273 Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
274 Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for
275 the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section. It is
276 the intent of the Legislature that, in the first fiscal year after
277 April 25, 2022, twenty percent (20%) of the funds appropriated to
278 the department for the program be obligated to projects that have
279 completed plans and specifications, acquired all necessary land
280 and/or easements, and are ready to proceed to construction.

281 (3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline
282 set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of
283 the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and
284 guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through
285 ARPA.

286 (4) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking
287 the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include
288 the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact
289 of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to



290 address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the
291 extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the
292 number of people served by the project (both new and existing
293 users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/
294 overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts
295 to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives;
296 (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or
297 in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant
298 applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical
299 operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant
300 applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner
301 and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by
302 rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the
303 Treasury for ARPA funds.

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

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



314 (7) The department shall have all powers necessary to
315 implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated
316 to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%)
317 may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of
318 administering the program.

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

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

329 **SECTION 3.** Section 57-123-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
330 brought forward as follows:

331 57-123-7. (1) As used in this section, the following words
332 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section
333 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

334 (a) "Destination marketing organization" means:

335 (i) Special local governmental units created by
336 local and private laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose
337 of tourism promotion, funded by special local tax levies, and
338 staffed with professionals engaged in out-of-state tourism



339 marketing and tourism product development for municipalities,
340 counties and/or regions; or

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

344 (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing
345 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and
346 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel
347 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public
348 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group
349 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to
350 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption
351 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1
352 of Chapter 399, Laws of 2022.

353 (2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall
354 establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist
355 destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing
356 activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the
357 Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall
358 be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions
359 on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
360 Fund for the program established under this section. The
361 Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in
362 conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the



363 allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as
364 follows:

365 (i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred
366 Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars
367 (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination
368 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a
369 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to
370 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing
371 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the
372 2019 fiscal year, and

373 (ii) Not more than Twenty Million Five Hundred
374 Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars
375 (\$20,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination
376 marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination
377 marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism
378 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit
379 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination
380 marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism
381 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit
382 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination
383 marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than Two
384 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under this
385 subparagraph (ii).

386 (b) Within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 2022, the
387 Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the



388 funds allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to
389 eligible destination marketing organizations. Before receiving
390 funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing
391 organization must certify to the Department of Finance and
392 Administration that:

393 (i) The funds will only be used for marketing
394 activities, and

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

398 (iii) The destination marketing organization will
399 obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all
400 funds by December 31, 2026.

401 (c) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds
402 under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related
403 to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving
404 funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their
405 marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel
406 occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and
407 analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such
408 destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual
409 reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing
410 activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the
411 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
412 Representatives and the Department of Audit.



413 (d) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination
414 marketing organizations will give preference, when available and
415 practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts
416 entered into for marketing activities.

417 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the
418 Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the
419 implementation of this section.

420 **SECTION 4.** Section 57-123-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
421 brought forward as follows:

422 57-123-9. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
423 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing assistance
424 to Mississippi nonprofit museums as provided in this section.
425 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
426 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
427 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
428 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
429 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
430 shall disburse funds under this section to nonprofit museums
431 located in municipalities with a population of not more than fifty
432 thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial census
433 to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other
434 forms of promoting and publicizing nonprofit museums and museum
435 related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades
436 and improvements to such museums for health and safety purposes
437 related to the Coronavirus Disease 19. Of the monies disbursed by



438 the Department of Finance and Administration under this section,
439 twenty-five percent (25%) of such monies shall be used to provide
440 assistance for requests for assistance of less than Three Hundred
441 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00); thirty-five percent (35%) of such
442 monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for
443 assistance of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or more
444 but less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) and
445 forty percent (40%) of such monies shall be used to provide
446 assistance for requests for assistance of Seven Hundred Thousand
447 Dollars (\$700,000.00) or more. A museum desiring assistance under
448 this section must submit an application to the Department of
449 Finance and Administration. The application must include a
450 description of the purposes for which the assistance is requested,
451 the amount of the assistance requested and any other information
452 required by the department.

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

455 **SECTION 5.** Section 57-123-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
456 brought forward as follows:

457 57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
458 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to
459 Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section.
460 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
461 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
462 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the



463 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
464 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
465 shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street
466 Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization
467 grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

2020 population	Number of communities	Grant amount	Total grants
More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

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

475 **SECTION 6.** Section 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
476 brought forward as follows:

477 45-2-41. (1) There is created the "Mississippi Law
478 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program," which shall be
479 administered by the Department of Public Safety to provide premium
480 pay to those law enforcement officers and firefighters in the
481 State of Mississippi as provided for in subsection (2) of this
482 section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Public Safety
483 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
484 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
485 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
486 under this section.



487 (2) The program shall be funded from monies appropriated by
488 the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
489 for that purpose. The Department of Public Safety shall
490 distribute the monies for the program in accordance with the
491 following:

492 (a) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay
493 shall be paid to each eligible individual.

494 (b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time
495 and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time
496 and part-time firefighters who are serving in the State of
497 Mississippi on July 1, 2022, except those excluded under paragraph
498 (c) of this subsection (2). If a person is an eligible individual
499 in more than one (1) position covered under this paragraph, that
500 person shall only be eligible for one (1) payment of premium pay
501 under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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

506 (d) The department also shall distribute monies to
507 counties, municipalities and other governmental entities that,
508 before July 1, 2022, paid premium pay to law enforcement officers
509 and firefighters employed by them from funds received under the
510 federal American Rescue Plan Act, to reimburse those governmental
511 entities for not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the



512 amount of premium pay that the governmental entity paid to each
513 recipient.

514 **SECTION 7.** Section 5, Chapter 113, Laws of 2022, additional
515 appropriation to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds, is brought
516 forward as follows:

517 Section 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
518 Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Seventy-nine Million Seven
519 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$179,750,000.00) or so much
520 thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided for capital
521 projects at state-owned buildings or grounds occupied by the
522 following state agencies, or for the following purposes as cited
523 herein:

524 (a) Any state-owned building as deemed
525 necessary by the Department of Finance and
526 Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds
527 and Real Property Management.....\$ 14,000,000.00.

528 (b) The Department of Corrections.....\$ 80,000,000.00.

529 (c) The Department of Mental Health.....\$ 40,000,000.00.

530 (d) The Department of Human Services
531 Oakley Youth Development Center.....\$ 5,000,000.00.

532 (e) State Department of Health for
533 necessary capital investment to assist
534 in responding to the public health emergency.....\$ 12,000,000.00.

535 (f) The State Fire Academy.....\$ 750,000.00.

536 (g) To the entity that oversees the



537 operations of state parks for the purpose of
538 eligible water, wastewater, and stormwater
539 projects.....\$ 12,000,000.00.

540 (h) To the entity that oversees the
541 operations of state parks for the purpose of
542 improvements to state parks due to increased use
543 and to promote tourism.....\$ 16,000,000.00.

544 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
545 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 SECTION 49-2-131, 41-3-16.1,
2 57-123-7, 57-123-9, 57-123-11, 45-2-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
3 WHICH ARE CERTAIN ARPA PROGRAMS, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE
4 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 5, CHAPTER 113, LAWS OF 2022,
5 WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF ARPA FUNDS TO THE BUREAU
6 OF BUILDING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIONS,
7 FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

