

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1614**

**BY: Committee**

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

5           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
8 expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television  
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
10 June 30, 2024.....\$ 4,187,293.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for  
14 Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds



15 collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the  
16 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal  
17 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
18 .....\$ 8,157,752.00.

19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22 Permanent: 73  
23 Time-Limited: 7

24 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
25 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
26 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
27 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
28 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
29 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
30 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
31 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
32 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
33 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
34 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
35 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
36 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
37 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
38 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
39 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.



40 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
41 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
42 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
43 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
44 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
45 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
46 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
47 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
48 appropriated level.

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

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

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

63 **SECTION 4.** Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for  
64 the continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of



65 educational and instructional, professional growth, and public  
66 service programs, with the production of new films and programs to  
67 be secondary thereto.

68         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
69 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain  
70 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
71 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
72 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
73 maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of  
74 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
75 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
76 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
77 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request  
78 process.

79         **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
80 Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred  
81 Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the  
82 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
83 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

84         **SECTION 7.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be  
85 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for  
86 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication  
87 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor  
88 shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds  
89 appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state



90 agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or  
91 publication activities of such office.

92 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
93 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the  
94 authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement  
95 Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi  
96 Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment  
97 for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

98 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
99 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
100 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
101 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
102 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
103 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
104 performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
107 Content Operations	
108       Number of Locally Produced TV Programs	150
109       Number of Locally Produced Radio Programs	1,092
110       Number of Monthly Average Number of Web	
111             Site Users	4,500
112       Number of New Programs Produced and	
113             Broadcast Related to Fit to Eat	
114             Programming	13



115	Percent Increase in Visitors Viewing the	
116	Healthy Living Related Items on MPB	
117	Site	31.00
118	Percent of Radio Broadcasts & TV Alerts	
119	During Times of Emergency	100.00
120	Education Services	
121	Percent Increase in Users Using MPB	
122	Education Online Resources for Pre-K	
123	Children and Families	15.00
124	Number of Students Served by the Digital	
125	Education Network (DEN) Classroom	2,000
126	Number of School Districts Participating	
127	in the DEN Classroom	30
128	Number of Teachers Taking e-Learning Courses	1,200
129	Number of Teacher Continuing Education	
130	Units (CEUs) Provided by e-Learning	
131	Courses Offered	400
132	Percent Increase of Visitors to the MPB	
133	Education Website	15.00
134	Number of Rotary Clubs Sponsoring with MPB	20
135	Number of Early Childhood Educators	
136	Attending MPB Resource Workshops	
137	Involving PBS and MPB Programs/Content	250
138	Number of Childcare Centers Using PBS	
139	Content	30



140	Number of Parents Participating in	
141	Parents Are Teachers Too (PATT)	
142	Initiative	300
143	Technical Services	
144	Number of Transmitters On Air	8
145	On-Air Reliability	99.95
146	Number of IT Help Desk Orders Filled	600
147	Administration	
148	Number of Community Engagements/Outreach	
149	Events Including Virtual Engagements	125
150	Number of State Agency Partners	40
151	New Grant Dollars Acquired	75,000.00
152	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
153	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
154	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
155	Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.	

156       **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
157 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
158 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
159 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
160 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
161 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
162 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
163 made without competitive bids.



164           **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an  
165 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot  
166 shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of  
167 Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

168           **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
169 Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus  
170 on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

171           **SECTION 13.** Mississippi Authority for Educational Television  
172 is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or  
173 contribution from any individual, public, or private organization,  
174 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational  
175 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions  
176 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of  
177 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner  
178 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Two  
179 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

180           **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
181 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education  
182 Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Educational  
183 Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
184 expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses  
185 of the Educational Television Authority, as authorized in House  
186 Bill No. 1601, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning  
187 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 3,048,822.00.





188 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing  
189 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

190 (a) Tower maintenance and upgrades.....\$ 1,999,794.00.

191 (b) Digitalization of 49 Years of Educational  
192 Content and Mississippi History.....\$ 700,000.00.

193 (c) Production of a Medgar Evers  
194 documentary.....\$ 349,028.00.

195 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
196 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
197 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
198 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
199 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
200 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

201 **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
202 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
203 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Educational  
204 Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
205 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in House Bill  
206 No. 1601, 2022 Regular Session provide for tower maintenance and  
207 upgrades for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
208 June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,135,044.00.

209 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
210 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
211 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
212 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the



213 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
214 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

215         **SECTION 16.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
216 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
217 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
218 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
219 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
220 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

221         **SECTION 17.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
222 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed June 29, 2023.

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

1           AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL  
3 TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

