

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1626

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 State Department of Health for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
10\$ 38,888,421.00.

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



15 otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of
16 defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
18\$ 505,431,838.00.

19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 Sections 1 and 2, Five Hundred Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred Two
21 Dollars (\$526,102.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund
22 and Nine Million Two Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Seven Hundred
23 Eighty-three Dollars (\$9,278,783.00) shall be derived from the
24 Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section 43-13-407,
25 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the
26 State Department of Health. The funds provided in this section
27 shall be allocated as follows:

28 Maternal and Child Health Care Program.....\$ 1,242,943.00
29 Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST
30 Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program
31 (STEMI) and the Stroke System of Care
32 Plan.....\$ 100,000.00
33 Health Department Programs.....\$ 8,461,942.00

34 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act,
35 Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) is allocated to the
36 Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments
37 provided in Section 1, Seven Million Twenty-three Thousand One
38 Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$7,023,197.00) shall be allocated
39 for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five



40 Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be
41 allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds
42 are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may
43 transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of
44 Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced
45 reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services,
46 used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between
47 the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

48 It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds
49 authorized herein for the Trauma Care System shall be expended to
50 the benefit of any hospital located outside the boundaries of the
51 State of Mississippi, unless otherwise excepted in this paragraph.
52 Funds shall be expended by the Mississippi Department of Health
53 for distribution to the Regional Medical Center or Le Bonheur
54 Children's Hospital at Memphis, located in Memphis, Tennessee, or
55 the University of South Alabama Medical Center located in Mobile,
56 Alabama, or the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., located in
57 Augusta, Georgia, or the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction
58 Center at Merit Health Central or any affiliates or any other
59 Level 1 Trauma Center, or Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Center that
60 participates in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, as determined
61 by the Mississippi Department of Health.

62 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty
63 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco



64 Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi
65 Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

66 University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer
67 Institute.....\$ 4,250,000.00
68 Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell -
69 Mary Sprayberry Public School
70 Nurse Program.....\$ 3,060,000.00
71 Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and
72 Tobacco Enforcement Unit.....\$ 680,000.00
73 University of Mississippi Medical Center -
74 A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)
75 Center.....\$ 595,000.00
76 Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
77 Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI) and
78 Stroke System of Care Plan.....\$ 595,000.00
79 Mississippi Qualified Health
80 Center Grant Program.....\$ 3,400,000.00
81 Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$ 7,420,000.00

82 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State
83 Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and
84 administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as
85 outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of
86 1972.



87 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Four
88 Million Five Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars
89 (\$4,502,915.00) shall be allocated as follows:

90 Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
91 Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI)
92 and Stroke System of Care Plan.....\$ 279,400.00
93 Mississippi Qualified Health Center
94 Grant Program.....\$ 4,000,000.00
95 Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$ 223,515.00

96 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
97 this act, the following positions are authorized:

98 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
99 Permanent: 699
100 Time-Limited: 1,306

101 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
102 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
103 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds
104 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
105 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi
106 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
107 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
108 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
109 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
110 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
111 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for



112 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the
113 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024
114 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
115 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
116 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

117 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
118 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
119 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
120 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
121 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
122 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
123 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
124 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
125 appropriated level.

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

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

134 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
135 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
136 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation



137 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
138 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
139 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

140 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
141 State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and
142 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
143 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
144 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
145 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
146 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to
147 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
148 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
149 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

150 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
151 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
152 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
153 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
154 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
155 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
156 performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Health Services	
State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000	
Live Births)	8.20



162	Percent of Women who Received Prenatal	
163	Care in First Trimester	72.50
164	Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior	
165	to 37 Weeks of Gestation	13.20
166	Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years	
167	(per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	22.60
168	Percent of Newborns with Positive and	
169	Inconclusive Genetic Screens who	
170	Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
171	Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body	
172	Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of	
173	Sex)	39.10
174	Health Protection	
175	Percent of Mississippi Population	
176	Receiving Water From a Public Water	
177	Supply	92.00
178	Percent of Mississippi Population	
179	Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
180	Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma	
181	Centers to Appropriate Facilities for	
182	Treatment (Minutes)	130
183	Communicable Disease	
184	Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case	
185	Rate per 100,000	38.35
186	Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	45



187	Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.40
188	HIV Disease: Number of Cases	442
189	HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	14.93
190	Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully	
191	Immunized (National Immunization Survey:	
192	4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	72.20
193	Tobacco Control	
194	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
195	Middle School Students	2.00
196	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
197	High School Students	4.20
198	Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults	
199	18 Years and Older	20.00
200	Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
201	Time Required for Command Staff to	
202	Report to Emergency Operations Center in	
203	Response to a National or Man-Made	
204	Disaster (Minutes)	30
205	Admin & Support Services	
206	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
207	in an Area Designated as a Health	
208	Professional Shortage Area: Mental	
209	Health	60.00
210	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
211	in an Area Designated as a Health	



212	Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
213	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
214	in an Area Designated as a Health	
215	Professional Shortage Area: Primary	
216	Care	49.00
217	Medical Cannabis	
218	Number of Conditions Added to the List	
219	of Debilitating Medical Conditions	3
220	Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	3,000
221	Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	50
222	Number of Registry Identification Cards	
223	Revoked	20
224	Total Number of Patients with a Registry	
225	Identification Card	3,000
226	Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	65
227	Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	
228	Facilities	0
229	Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing	
230	Facilities	10
231	Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing	
232	Facilities	4
233	Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste	
234	Disposal Entities	12
235	Number of Licensed Cannabis	
236	Transportation Entities	12



237 Percent of Applications Approved 70.00

238 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
239 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
240 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
241 Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

242 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that with
243 the funds provided herein, the State Department of Health may
244 provide and administer without charge, Hepatitis B vaccinations to
245 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who are in need of such
246 vaccinations through job related exposure.

247 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums heretofore
248 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
249 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
250 to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems
251 Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water
252 System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter
253 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the
254 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and
255 Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year
256 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
257\$ 38,640,146.00.

258 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under Section 11 of
259 this act, the following positions are authorized:

260 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
261 Permanent: 5



262 Time-Limited: 3

263 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
264 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
265 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds
266 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
267 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi
268 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
269 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
270 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
271 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
272 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
273 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
274 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the
275 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024
276 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
277 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
278 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

279 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
280 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
281 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
282 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
283 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
284 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
285 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



286 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
287 appropriated level.

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

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

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

302 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
303 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of
304 Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate
305 special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These
306 funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no
307 later than July 31, 2023. The State Department of Health shall
308 make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the
309 Department of Human Services.



310 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
311 State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty
312 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for
313 providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of
314 the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and
315 Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the
316 genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does
317 not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may
318 also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

319 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven
320 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the
321 purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related
322 medical services.

323 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred
324 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Breast and
325 Cervical Cancer Program.

326 **SECTION 17.** In addition to all other funds heretofore
327 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
328 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
329 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
330 expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department
331 of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
332 June 30, 2024.....\$ 7,243,426.00.

333 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
334 of Section 17 of this act, the following positions are authorized:



335 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

336 Permanent: 0

337 Time-Limited: 34

338 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
339 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
340 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds
341 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
342 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi
343 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
344 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
345 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
346 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
347 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
348 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
349 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the
350 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024
351 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
352 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
353 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

354 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
355 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
356 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
357 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
358 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
359 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written



360 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
361 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
362 appropriated level.

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

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

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

377 **SECTION 19.** In addition to all other funds heretofore
378 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
379 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
380 to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised
381 of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the
382 department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for
383 uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the
384 trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the



385 Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center at Merit Health
386 Central or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to
387 out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and
388 such other provisions necessary to provide burn care for
389 Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel,
390 lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses
391 incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for
392 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
393 June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

394 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
395 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
396 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
397 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
398 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
399 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
400 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
401 made without competitive bids.

402 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
403 Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service
404 to receive birth and death certificates.

405 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
406 Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint
407 Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by
408 September 15, 2023. This notification will consist of the name of



409 the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award
410 amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

411 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
412 Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent
413 in all allowable grants awarded.

414 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven
415 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the
416 Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort
417 for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be
418 transferred to the State Department of Health no later than
419 December 31, 2023. The State Department of Health shall make a
420 complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department
421 of Education.

422 **SECTION 25.** The Mississippi Department of Health is
423 authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer
424 from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special
425 source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not
426 exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls
427 which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working
428 cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement.
429 The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry
430 past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan
431 proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be
432 placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special
433 fund account. The division may pledge as security for such



434 interim financing future funds that will be received by the
435 division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available
436 funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to
437 the same terms provided in this section.

438 **SECTION 26.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
439 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
440 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
441 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
442 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
443 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
444 actions contrary to this provision.

445 **SECTION 27.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the
446 intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of
447 Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs,
448 Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based
449 on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the
450 end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

451 **SECTION 28.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
452 Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official
453 replacement or representative with voting privileges to the
454 Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

455 **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
456 State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash
457 from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund
458 treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It



459 is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health
460 Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the
461 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and
462 Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to
463 the effective date of the transfer.

464 **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is
465 the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine
466 Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be
467 allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from
468 General Fund court assessments.

469 **SECTION 31.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
470 Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to
471 escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the
472 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds
473 collected or available for HIV medical or support services,
474 clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to
475 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for
476 expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department
477 of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law.
478 Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

479 The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of
480 Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and
481 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed
482 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the



483 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing
484 positions.

485 **SECTION 32.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the
486 Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its
487 headcount for any additional operational needs related to
488 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the
489 Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel
490 Board.

491 **SECTION 33.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
492 State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate,
493 budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the
494 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers
495 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of
496 operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by
497 law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of
498 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the
499 escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have
500 changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or
501 additional funds.

502 The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or
503 designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and
504 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed
505 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the
506 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing
507 positions.



508 **SECTION 34.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
509 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Healthcare
510 Expendable Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of
511 Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
512 Healthcare Expendable Funds to defray the expenses of the
513 Department of Health, as authorized in HB 1614, 2022 Regular
514 Session for Non-Transport Emergency Services for the fiscal year
515 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 415,000.00.

516 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
517 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
518 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
519 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
520 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
521 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

522 **SECTION 35.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
523 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
524 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
525 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
526 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
527 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

528 **SECTION 36.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
529 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 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
3 2024.

