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To: Appropriations B;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1781
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR
3 THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in the
9 operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025..
11\$ 327,956.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
14 the State Treasury to the credit of the Grand Gulf Military
15 Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
16 the commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf
17 Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
18 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 519,160.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 this act, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22 Permanent: 7

23 Time-Limited: 0

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 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
27 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
28 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
29 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
30 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
31 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
32 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
33 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
34 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
35 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
36 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
37 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
38 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
39 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
40 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

41 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
42 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
43 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to



44 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
45 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
46 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
47 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
48 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
49 essential for the agency.

50 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
51 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
52 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
53 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
54 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
55 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
56 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
57 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
58 appropriated level.

59 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
60 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
61 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
62 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

67 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
68 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete



69 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
70 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
71 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
72 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
73 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
74 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
75 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
76 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

77 **SECTION 5.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
78 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
79 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
80 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
81 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
82 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

83 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles
84 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
85 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

86 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
87 Section 2, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much
88 thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in
89 the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as
90 created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and
91 allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer.

92 These funds are provided for repairs and renovations to park
93 facilities and the purchase of equipment.



94 **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
95 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
96 Expense Fund, not otherwise appropriated for Grand Gulf Military
97 Monument Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the
98 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1618,
99 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
100 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the fiscal year
101 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
102\$ 497,245.00.

103 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
104 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
105 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
106 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
107 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
108 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

109 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
110 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
111 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
112 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
113 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
114 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
115 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
116 made without competitive bids.

117 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
118 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with



119 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
120 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
121 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
122 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
123 actions contrary to this provision.

124 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
125 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
126 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
127 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
128 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
129 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

130 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
131 and after July 1, 2024.

