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To: Appropriations C;  
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1796

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 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 State Department of Health for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
10 .....\$ 46,639,176.00.

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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
18 .....\$ 536,059,421.00.



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 Eleven Million Three Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seven  
23 Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$11,328,783.00) shall be derived  
24 from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section  
25 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and  
26 maintenance of the State Department of Health. The funds provided  
27 in this section shall be allocated as follows:

28	Early Intervention Program for	
29	increased reimbursements.....	\$ 2,000,000.00
30	Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.....	\$ 50,000.00
31	Maternal and Child Health Care Program.....	\$ 1,242,943.00
32	Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST	
33	Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program	
34	(STEMI) and the Stroke System of Care	
35	Plan.....	\$ 100,000.00
36	Health Department Programs.....	\$ 8,461,942.00

37           **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act,  
38 Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) is allocated to the  
39 Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments  
40 provided in Section 1, Seven Million Twenty-three Thousand One  
41 Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$7,023,197.00) shall be allocated  
42 for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five  
43 Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be



44 allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds  
45 are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may  
46 transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of  
47 Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced  
48 reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services,  
49 used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between  
50 the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

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

64 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty  
65 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco  
66 Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi  
67 Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

68 University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer



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

84    Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State  
85    Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and  
86    administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as  
87    outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of  
88    1972.

89           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One  
90    Million One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars  
91    (\$1,102,915.00) shall be allocated as follows:

92           Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated  
93           Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI)



94                   and Stroke System of Care Plan.....\$    279,400.00  
95           Mississippi Qualified Health Center  
96                   Grant Program.....\$    600,000.00  
97           Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$    223,515.00

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

100       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

101           Permanent:                   688  
102           Time-Limited:               1,413

103           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
104 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
105 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds  
106 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
107 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
108 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal  
109 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall  
110 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency  
111 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the  
112 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to  
113 the personal services amount must be approved by the State  
114 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation  
115 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be  
116 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate  
117 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services  
118 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved



119 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active  
120 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's  
121 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are  
122 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,  
123 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing  
124 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board  
125 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any  
126 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board  
127 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in  
128 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the  
129 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the  
130 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the  
131 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel  
132 Board.

133         Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
134 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
135 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
136 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
137 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
138 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the  
139 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
140 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
141 essential for the agency.

142         Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
143 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or



144 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
145 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
146 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
147 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
148 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
149 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
150 appropriated level.

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

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

159 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
160 State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and  
161 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
162 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
163 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
164 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
165 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to  
166 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
167 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
168 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.



169           **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 170 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 171 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 172 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 173 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 174 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 175 performance measures provided below:

176	FY2025
177 <u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
178 Health Services	
179       State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000	
180           Live Births)	8.60
181       Percent of Women who Received Prenatal	
182           Care in First Trimester	74.20
183       Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior	
184           to 37 Weeks of Gestation	14.80
185       Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years	
186           (per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	23.40
187       Percent of Newborns with Positive and	
188           Inconclusive Genetic Screens who	
189           Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
190       Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body	
191           Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of	
192           Sex)	39.10
193 Health Protection	





194	Percent of Mississippi Population	
195	Receiving Water From a Public Water	
196	Supply	92.00
197	Percent of Mississippi Population	
198	Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
199	Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma	
200	Centers to Appropriate Facilities for	
201	Treatment (Minutes)	129.00
202	Communicable Disease	
203	Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case	
204	Rate per 100,000	27.50
205	Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	51
206	Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.70
207	HIV Disease: Number of Cases	400.00
208	HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	13.60
209	Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully	
210	Immunized (National Immunization Survey:	
211	4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	74.00
212	Tobacco Control	
213	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
214	Middle School Students	1.70
215	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
216	High School Students	2.10
217	Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults	
218	18 Years and Older	19.40



219	Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
220	Time Required for Command Staff to	
221	Report to Emergency Operations Center in	
222	Response to a National or Man-Made	
223	Disaster (Minutes)	30.00
224	Admin & Support Services	
225	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
226	in an Area Designated as a Health	
227	Professional Shortage Area: Mental	
228	Health	60.00
229	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
230	in an Area Designated as a Health	
231	Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
232	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
233	in an Area Designated as a Health	
234	Professional Shortage Area: Primary	
235	Care	49.00
236	Medical Cannabis	
237	Number of Conditions Added to the List	
238	of Debilitating Medical Conditions	2
239	Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	50,000
240	Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	54
241	Number of Registry Identification Cards	
242	Revoked	25
243	Total Number of Patients with a Registry	



244	Identification Card	50,000
245	Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	400
246	Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	
247	Facilities	150
248	Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing	
249	Facilities	30
250	Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing	
251	Facilities	5
252	Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste	
253	Disposal Entities	8
254	Number of Licensed Cannabis	
255	Transportation Entities	40
256	Percent of Applications Approved	95
257	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
258	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
259	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
260	Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.	

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

266       **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
267 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
268 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General



269 Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Local  
270 Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the  
271 Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving  
272 Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State  
273 Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of  
274 the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board,  
275 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
276 June 30, 2025.....\$ 4,300,000.00.

277 The purpose of these funds is to provide funds necessary to  
278 match projected federal funds available through the following  
279 federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State Revolving  
280 Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental  
281 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

282 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
283 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
284 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
285 to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems  
286 Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water  
287 System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter  
288 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the  
289 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and  
290 Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year  
291 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
292 .....\$ 175,050,130.00.





318 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing  
319 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board  
320 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any  
321 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board  
322 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in  
323 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the  
324 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the  
325 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the  
326 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel  
327 Board.

328         Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
329 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
330 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
331 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
332 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
333 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the  
334 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
335 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
336 essential for the agency.

337         Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
338 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
339 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
340 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
341 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
342 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written



343 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
344 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
345 appropriated level.

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

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

354 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
355 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of  
356 Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate  
357 special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These  
358 funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no  
359 later than July 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall  
360 make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the  
361 Department of Human Services.

362 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
363 State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty  
364 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for  
365 providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of  
366 the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and  
367 Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the



368 genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does  
369 not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may  
370 also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

371 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven  
372 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the  
373 purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related  
374 medical services.

375 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred  
376 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the Breast  
377 and Cervical Cancer Program.

378 **SECTION 18.** In addition to all other funds heretofore  
379 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
380 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
381 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
382 expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department  
383 of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
384 June 30, 2025.....\$ 7,787,845.00.

385 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
386 of Section 18 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

387 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

388 Permanent: 0

389 Time-Limited: 34

390 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
391 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
392 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds





393 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
394 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
395 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal  
396 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall  
397 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency  
398 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the  
399 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to  
400 the personal services amount must be approved by the State  
401 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation  
402 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be  
403 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate  
404 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services  
405 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved  
406 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active  
407 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's  
408 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are  
409 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,  
410 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing  
411 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board  
412 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any  
413 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board  
414 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in  
415 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the  
416 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the  
417 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the



418 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel  
419 Board.

420         Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
421 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
422 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
423 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
424 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
425 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the  
426 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
427 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
428 essential for the agency.

429         Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
430 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
431 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
432 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
433 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
434 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
435 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
436 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
437 appropriated level.

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



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

446 **SECTION 20.** In addition to all other funds heretofore  
447 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
448 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
449 to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised  
450 of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the  
451 department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for  
452 uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the  
453 trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the  
454 Baptist Medical Center and the University of Mississippi Medical  
455 Center, or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to  
456 out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and  
457 such other provisions necessary to provide burn care for  
458 Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel,  
459 lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses  
460 incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for  
461 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025  
462 .....\$ 1,000,000.00.

463 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
464 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
465 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
466 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,



467 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
468 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
469 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
470 made without competitive bids.

471 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
472 Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service  
473 to receive birth and death certificates.

474 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
475 Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint  
476 Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by  
477 September 15, 2024. This notification will consist of the name of  
478 the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award  
479 amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

480 **SECTION 24.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
481 Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent  
482 in all allowable grants awarded.

483 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven  
484 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the  
485 Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort  
486 for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be  
487 transferred to the State Department of Health no later than  
488 December 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall make a  
489 complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department  
490 of Education.



491           **SECTION 26.** The Mississippi Department of Health is  
492 authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer  
493 from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special  
494 source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not  
495 exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls  
496 which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working  
497 cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement.  
498 The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry  
499 past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan  
500 proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be  
501 placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special  
502 fund account. The division may pledge as security for such  
503 interim financing future funds that will be received by the  
504 division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available  
505 funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to  
506 the same terms provided in this section.

507           **SECTION 27.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
508 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
509 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
510 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
511 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
512 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
513 actions contrary to this provision.

514           **SECTION 28.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the  
515 intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of



516 Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs,  
517 Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based  
518 on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the  
519 end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

520         **SECTION 29.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
521 Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official  
522 replacement or representative with voting privileges to the  
523 Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

524         **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
525 State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash  
526 from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund  
527 treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It  
528 is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health  
529 Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the  
530 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and  
531 Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to  
532 the effective date of the transfer.

533         **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is  
534 the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine  
535 Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be  
536 allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from  
537 General Fund court assessments.

538         **SECTION 32.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
539 Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to  
540 escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the



541 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds  
542 collected or available for HIV medical or support services,  
543 clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to  
544 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for  
545 expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department  
546 of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law.  
547 Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

548 The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of  
549 Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and  
550 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed  
551 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the  
552 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing  
553 positions.

554 **SECTION 33.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the  
555 Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its  
556 headcount for any additional operational needs related to  
557 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the  
558 Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel  
559 Board.

560 **SECTION 34.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
561 State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate,  
562 budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the  
563 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers  
564 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of  
565 operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by



566 law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of  
567 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the  
568 escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have  
569 changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or  
570 additional funds.

571 The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or  
572 designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and  
573 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed  
574 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the  
575 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing  
576 positions.

577 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twelve  
578 Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) is allocated for the purpose of  
579 providing reimbursable grants from the Office of Interpersonal  
580 Violence as described in this section.

581 The funds appropriated under this section shall be expended  
582 by the State Department of Health as a reimbursable grant. In  
583 determining reimbursable expenses, the State Department of Health  
584 shall use allowable costs as defined by the Office of  
585 Interpersonal Violence. Of the funds in this section, a minimum  
586 of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is to be distributed to  
587 Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for the purpose of  
588 conducting additional forensic interviews.

589 **SECTION 36.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
590 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the





591 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
592 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
593 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
594 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

595         **SECTION 37.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
596 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2024.

