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To: Appropriations C;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1796
(As Sent to Governor)

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\$ 61,297,497.00.

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\$ 538,620,467.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
 20 Sections 1 and 2, Seven Million Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred
 21 Two Dollars (\$7,026,102.00) shall be derived from the State
 22 General Fund and Eleven Million Five Hundred Seventy-eight
 23 Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$11,578,783.00) shall
 24 be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in
 25 Section 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	Magnet Community Health Disparity Program....\$	2,000,000.00
29	Early Intervention Program for	
30	increased reimbursements.....\$	2,000,000.00
31	Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.....\$	100,000.00
32	Maternal and Child Health Care Program.....\$	1,242,943.00
33	Defibrillators in Public Places.....\$	250,000.00
34	Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST	
35	Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program	
36	(STEMI), Sepsis, and the Stroke System	
37	of Care Plan.....\$	250,000.00
38	Health Department Programs.....\$	12,761,942.00

39 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act,
 40 Thirty-four Million Dollars (\$34,000,000.00) is allocated to the
 41 Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments
 42 provided in Section 1, Thirteen Million Twenty-three Thousand One
 43 Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$13,023,197.00) shall be allocated



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

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

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



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

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

86 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State
87 Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and
88 administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as
89 outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of
90 1972.



91 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One
92 Million One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars
93 (\$1,102,915.00) shall be allocated as follows:

94 Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
95 Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI), Sepsis,
96 and Stroke System of Care Plan.....\$ 279,400.00
97 Mississippi Qualified Health Center
98 Grant Program.....\$ 600,000.00
99 Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$ 223,515.00

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

102 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

103 Permanent: 688
104 Time-Limited: 1,413

105 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
106 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
107 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
108 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
109 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
110 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
111 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
112 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
113 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
114 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
115 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that



116 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
117 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
118 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
119 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
120 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
121 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

122 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
123 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
124 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
125 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
126 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
127 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
128 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
129 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
130 essential for the agency.

131 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
132 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
133 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
134 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
135 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
136 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
137 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
138 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
139 appropriated level.



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

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

148 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
149 State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and
150 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
151 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
152 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
153 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
154 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to
155 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
156 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
157 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

158 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
159 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
160 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
161 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
162 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
163 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
164 performance measures provided below:



165		FY2025
166	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
167	Health Services	
168	State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000	
169	Live Births)	8.60
170	Percent of Women who Received Prenatal	
171	Care in First Trimester	74.20
172	Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior	
173	to 37 Weeks of Gestation	14.80
174	Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years	
175	(per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	23.40
176	Percent of Newborns with Positive and	
177	Inconclusive Genetic Screens who	
178	Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
179	Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body	
180	Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of	
181	Sex)	39.10
182	Health Protection	
183	Percent of Mississippi Population	
184	Receiving Water From a Public Water	
185	Supply	92.00
186	Percent of Mississippi Population	
187	Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
188	Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma	
189	Centers to Appropriate Facilities for	



190	Treatment (Minutes)	129.00
191	Communicable Disease	
192	Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case	
193	Rate per 100,000	27.50
194	Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	51
195	Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.70
196	HIV Disease: Number of Cases	400.00
197	HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	13.60
198	Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully	
199	Immunized (National Immunization Survey:	
200	4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	74.00
201	Tobacco Control	
202	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
203	Middle School Students	1.70
204	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
205	High School Students	2.10
206	Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults	
207	18 Years and Older	19.40
208	Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
209	Time Required for Command Staff to	
210	Report to Emergency Operations Center in	
211	Response to a National or Man-Made	
212	Disaster (Minutes)	30.00
213	Admin & Support Services	
214	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	



215	in an Area Designated as a Health	
216	Professional Shortage Area: Mental	
217	Health	60.00
218	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
219	in an Area Designated as a Health	
220	Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
221	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
222	in an Area Designated as a Health	
223	Professional Shortage Area: Primary	
224	Care	49.00
225	Medical Cannabis	
226	Number of Conditions Added to the List	
227	of Debilitating Medical Conditions	2
228	Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	50,000
229	Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	54
230	Number of Registry Identification Cards	
231	Revoked	25
232	Total Number of Patients with a Registry	
233	Identification Card	50,000
234	Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	400
235	Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	
236	Facilities	150
237	Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing	
238	Facilities	30
239	Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing	



240	Facilities	5
241	Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste	
242	Disposal Entities	8
243	Number of Licensed Cannabis	
244	Transportation Entities	40
245	Percent of Applications Approved	95

246 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
247 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
248 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
249 Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

255 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums heretofore
256 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
257 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
258 Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Local
259 Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the
260 Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving
261 Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State
262 Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
263 the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board,



264 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
265 June 30, 2025.....\$ 4,300,000.00.

266 The purpose of these funds is to provide funds necessary to
267 match projected federal funds available through the following
268 federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State Revolving
269 Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental
270 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

271 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums heretofore
272 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
273 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
274 to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems
275 Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water
276 System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter
277 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the
278 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and
279 Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year
280 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
281\$ 178,420,730.00.

282 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated under Sections 11 and
283 12 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

284 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

285 Permanent: 5
286 Time-Limited: 8

287 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
288 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal



289 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
290 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
291 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
292 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
293 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
294 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
295 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
296 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
297 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
298 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
299 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
300 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
301 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
302 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
303 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

304 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
305 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
306 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
307 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
308 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
309 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
310 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
311 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
312 essential for the agency.



313 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
314 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
315 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
316 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
317 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
318 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
319 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
320 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
321 appropriated level.

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

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

330 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
331 of Section 12 of this act, Three Million Three Hundred Seventy
332 Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,370,600.00), or so much as may be
333 necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
334 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
335 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
336 determined by the State Treasurer. The purpose of these funds is
337 to provide funds necessary to match projected federal funds



338 available through the following federal fiscal year from the
339 annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and
340 from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
341 (IIJA) appropriations.

342 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
343 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of
344 Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate
345 special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These
346 funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no
347 later than July 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall
348 make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the
349 Department of Human Services.

350 **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
351 State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty
352 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for
353 providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of
354 the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and
355 Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the
356 genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does
357 not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may
358 also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

359 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven
360 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the
361 purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related
362 medical services.



363 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred
364 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the Breast
365 and Cervical Cancer Program.

366 **SECTION 19.** In addition to all other funds heretofore
367 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
368 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
369 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
370 expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department
371 of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
372 June 30, 2025.....\$ 7,787,845.00.

373 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
374 of Section 18 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

375 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

376 Permanent: 0
377 Time-Limited: 34

378 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
379 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
380 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
381 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
382 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
383 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
384 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
385 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
386 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
387 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024



388 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
389 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
390 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
391 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
392 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
393 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
394 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

395 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
396 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
397 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
398 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
399 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
400 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
401 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
402 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
403 essential for the agency.

404 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
405 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
406 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
407 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
408 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
409 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
410 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
411 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
412 appropriated level.



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

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

421 **SECTION 21.** In addition to all other funds heretofore
422 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
423 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
424 to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised
425 of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the
426 department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for
427 uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the
428 trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the
429 Baptist Medical Center, the University of Mississippi Medical
430 Center, and any designated Burn Center associated with a Level I
431 Trauma Center in the Mississippi Trauma Care System or for
432 uncompensated aero medical transportation to out-of-state
433 qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and such other
434 provisions necessary to provide burn care for Mississippi
435 residents, including reimbursement for travel, lodgings, meals and
436 other reasonable travel-related expenses incurred by burn victims,



437 family members and/or caregivers, for the fiscal year beginning
438 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

439 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
440 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
441 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
442 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
443 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
444 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
445 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
446 made without competitive bids.

447 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
448 Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service
449 to receive birth and death certificates.

450 **SECTION 24.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
451 Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint
452 Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by
453 September 15, 2024. This notification will consist of the name of
454 the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award
455 amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

456 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
457 Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent
458 in all allowable grants awarded.

459 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven
460 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the
461 Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort



462 for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be
463 transferred to the State Department of Health no later than
464 December 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall make a
465 complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department
466 of Education.

467 **SECTION 27.** The Mississippi Department of Health is
468 authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer
469 from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special
470 source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not
471 exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls
472 which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working
473 cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement.
474 The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry
475 past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan
476 proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be
477 placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special
478 fund account. The division may pledge as security for such
479 interim financing future funds that will be received by the
480 division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available
481 funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to
482 the same terms provided in this section.

483 **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
484 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
485 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
486 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their



487 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
488 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
489 actions contrary to this provision.

490 **SECTION 29.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the
491 intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of
492 Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs,
493 Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based
494 on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the
495 end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

496 **SECTION 30.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
497 Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official
498 replacement or representative with voting privileges to the
499 Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

500 **SECTION 31.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
501 State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash
502 from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund
503 treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It
504 is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health
505 Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the
506 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and
507 Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to
508 the effective date of the transfer.

509 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
510 this act, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two
511 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is provided for the Office



512 of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in Section
513 41-123-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

514 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is
515 the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine
516 Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be
517 allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from
518 General Fund court assessments.

519 **SECTION 34.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
520 Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to
521 escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the
522 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds
523 collected or available for HIV medical or support services,
524 clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to
525 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for
526 expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department
527 of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law.
528 Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

529 The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of
530 Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and
531 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed
532 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the
533 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing
534 positions.

535 **SECTION 35.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the
536 Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its



537 headcount for any additional operational needs related to
538 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the
539 Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel
540 Board.

541 **SECTION 36.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
542 State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate,
543 budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the
544 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers
545 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of
546 operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by
547 law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of
548 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the
549 escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have
550 changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or
551 additional funds.

552 The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or
553 designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and
554 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed
555 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the
556 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing
557 positions.

558 **SECTION 37.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
559 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
560 not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Health for the
561 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as



562 authorized in HB 1626, 2023 Regular Session, to the Department of
563 Health, to defray the expense of the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA)
564 at the Department of Health, Office of Interpersonal Violence for
565 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
566\$ 2,400,000.00.

567 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
568 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
569 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
570 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
571 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
572 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

573 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twelve
574 Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,300,000.00) is
575 allocated for the purpose of providing reimbursable grants from
576 the Office of Interpersonal Violence as described in this section.

577 The funds appropriated under this section shall be expended
578 by the State Department of Health as a reimbursable grant. In
579 determining reimbursable expenses, the State Department of Health
580 shall use allowable costs as defined by the Office of
581 Interpersonal Violence. Of the funds in this section, a minimum
582 of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is to be distributed to
583 Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for the purpose of
584 conducting additional forensic interviews. Of the funds in this
585 section, up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) may be
586 used by the department for administration of these funds.



587 **SECTION 39.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
588 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
589 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Department
590 of Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
591 Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the State
592 Department of Health, as authorized in HB 1626, 2023 Regular
593 Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
594 June 30, 2025.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

595 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
596 the expenditure of funds to defray the expense of establishing and
597 equipping a burn center for the State of Mississippi.

598 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
599 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
600 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
601 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
602 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
603 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

604 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
605 of Section 2 of this act, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or
606 so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in
607 the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as
608 created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and
609 allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These
610 funds are provided to the Department of Health for the design,



611 construction and maintenance of an Emergency Medical Services
612 Memorial.

613 **SECTION 41.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
614 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
615 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
616 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
617 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
618 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

619 **SECTION 42.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
620 and after July 1, 2024.

