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To: Accountability,
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SENATE BILL NO. 2403

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO PERFORM
2 A 50-YEAR COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO
3 THE STATE'S TWO LAND GRANT INSTITUTIONS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE
4 AUDITOR TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE DETAILING ALL
5 APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD TO ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
6 AND MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Office of the State Auditor shall
9 perform a comparative review of the legislative appropriations to
10 the state's two (2) land grant institutions, Alcorn State
11 University and Mississippi State University, for a period of fifty
12 (50) years commencing with fiscal year 1975. For each year, the
13 Auditor shall determine the total funding appropriated to each
14 university from the various appropriations made to the Board of
15 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and directly to
16 Alcorn State University and Mississippi State University for the
17 support of specific programs at the respective institutions.

18 (2) Before December 1, 2024, the State Auditor shall prepare
19 and submit a detailed report of its review to the members of the
20 Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and



21 Senate and to the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate
22 to be made available, upon request, to any Legislator. For each
23 fiscal year from 1975 to 2024, the report must include the total
24 funding appropriated to Alcorn State University and Mississippi
25 State University, disaggregated by the allocations to each
26 institution in the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
27 Higher Learning general support appropriation bill and all other
28 appropriations made to each institution in support of specific
29 programs at or affiliated with the institution.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2024.

