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To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2482

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-231, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AMEND THE ADDITIONAL DEFICIT OR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
3 REQUEST PROCEDURE; TO REQUIRE A STANDARDIZED REQUEST FORM
4 PROMULGATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-231, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-104-231. (1) This section shall be known and may be
10 cited as the "Deficit Prevention Act."

11 (2) It is the responsibility of each state agency,
12 department and institution to operate within the limits of its
13 annual appropriations by the Legislature and any other approved
14 expenditures of monies. A state agency, department or institution
15 shall not operate in a manner that results in * * * an additional
16 deficit or supplemental appropriation, except as provided in this
17 act.

18 (3) If it is determined by a state agency, department or
19 institution that the likelihood of * * * an additional deficit or



20 supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year exists, the
21 state agency, department or institution shall use a standardized
22 request form promulgated by the Legislative Budget Office and the
23 Department of Finance and Administration to notify the Governor,
24 Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, * * * Chairs of the
25 House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Legislative Budget
26 Office and the Department of Finance and Administration within
27 fifteen (15) days of this determination. The standardized request
28 form must include a description of the need, an explanation of why
29 the agency cannot cover the expenses with their existing
30 appropriation, the impact of disapproval and a plan to avoid or
31 limit any additional deficit or supplemental appropriation. The
32 agency shall also include in the report a listing of all funds the
33 entity is authorized to expend, the appropriate authority from
34 each fund, the amount of funds expended at the time of the request
35 and the current cash balance of the fund.

36 (4) After the determination of the likelihood of a deficit,
37 the state agency, department or institution shall work with the
38 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and
39 Administration to develop a plan to avoid or limit any deficit.
40 Such plan * * * may include limiting travel and conference
41 attendance to that deemed essential by the director of the agency,
42 department or institution, and restricting the purchase of
43 equipment, vehicles and other nonnecessities. * * *



44 (5) For purposes of this section, the term "state agency"
45 shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 27-103-103.

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

