

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2926

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL  
 2 EXPENSE FUNDS, AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
 3 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND FISCAL  
 4 YEAR 2025; THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024;  
 5 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; THE  
 6 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; THE JOINT  
 7 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; THE SECRETARY OF  
 8 STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES  
 9 AND PARKS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR  
 10 FISCAL YEAR 2024; DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR  
 11 FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND FISCAL YEAR 2025; DEPARTMENT OF CHILD  
 12 PROTECTION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND FOR RELATED  
 13 PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums herein  
 16 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 17 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
 18 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
 19 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for  
 20 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,  
 21 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the  
 22 Attorney General for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
 23 June 30, 2024.....\$ 685,916.00.



24 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following  
25 amounts are provided:

26 (a) United States Environmental Protection Agency and  
27 the State of Mississippi; Chemfax, Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport,  
28 Harrison County, Mississippi; Docket Number CERCLA-04-2014-3756...  
29 .....\$ 6,224.00.

30 (b) Curtis Flowers v. State of Mississippi, Circuit  
31 Court of Montgomery County, Mississippi, Cause No. 1:20-cv-00150  
32 .....\$ 50,000.00.

33 (c) Eddie Lee Howard v. State of Mississippi, Circuit  
34 Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2021-0026-CV1C....  
35 .....\$ 50,000.00.

36 (d) Carl Lee Jordan v. State of Mississippi, Cause No.  
37 A2401-2020-160; Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi.....  
38 .....\$ 50,000.00.

39 (e) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the  
40 State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United  
41 States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi,  
42 Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L)(N).....\$ 120,000.00.

43 (f) Doe, et al. v. Fitch, et al, Cause No.  
44 1:14-cv-00018-CWR-RHW.....\$ 409,692.00.

45 **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums herein  
46 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
47 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
48 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by



49 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for  
50 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,  
51 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the  
52 Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act  
53 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 2,400,000.00.

54 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following  
55 amounts are provided:

56 (a) United States Department of Justice CRIPA  
57 Investigation of MDOC.....\$ 350,000.00.

58 (b) Alexander, et al. v. Hall, et al., Cause No.  
59 4:30-CV-21-SA-JMV.....\$ 525,000.00.

60 (c) State of Mississippi v. EPA, Case No.: 23-60069  
61 (5th Cir.) and State of Mississippi v. EPA, Case No.: 23-60300  
62 (5th Cir.).....\$ 150,000.00.

63 (d) IRS v. State Agencies.....\$ 75,000.00.

64 (e) White, et al. v. State Board of Election  
65 Commissioners, et al., No.4:22-CV-00062-SA-JMV (N.D. Miss).....  
66 .....\$ 200,000.00.

67 (f) Mississippi State Conference of the National  
68 Conference for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State  
69 Board of Election Commissioners, et al.No.3:22-cv-734 (S.D. Miss)  
70 .....\$ 750,000.00.

71 (g) Eric Wallace, et al. v. Mississippi Department of  
72 Corrections, et al., Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-516-CWR-LGI.....  
73 .....\$ 350,000.00.



74           **SECTION 3.** In addition to all other sums herein  
75 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
76 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
77 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
78 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the State  
79 Veterans Affairs Board for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and  
80 ending June 30, 2024.....\$       891,805.00.

81           This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
82 expenses related to an ACA penalty.

83           **SECTION 4.** In addition to all other sums herein  
84 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
85 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
86 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
87 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department  
88 of Public Safety for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
89 June 30, 2024.....\$       520,000.00.

90           This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
91 expenses related to legal expenses and settlement payment for the  
92 civil action titled McLean v. Davis, et al.

93           **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein  
94 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
95 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
96 Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund, and allocated  
97 in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the



98 expenses of the Department of Revenue for the period beginning  
99 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 2,700,000.00.

100 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
101 the expenses for purchasing license tags and decals and associated  
102 freight costs under Section 27-19-179.

103 **SECTION 6.** In addition to all other sums herein  
104 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
105 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
106 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
107 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Joint  
108 Reapportionment Committee for the period beginning July 1, 2023,  
109 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 85,000.00.

110 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
111 legal expenses.

112 **SECTION 7.** In addition to all other sums herein  
113 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
114 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury,  
115 to the credit of the Secretary of State, and allocated in a manner  
116 as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of  
117 the Secretary of State for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and  
118 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 3,438,425.00.

119 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
120 expenses related to the Broadwater Marina Restoration Project.

121 **SECTION 8.** In addition to all other sums herein  
122 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be



123 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury,  
124 to the credit of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks,  
125 and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office,  
126 to defray the expenses of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries  
127 and Parks for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June  
128 30, 2024.....\$ 834,250.00.

129 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing  
130 special fund authority for grants awarded by the Mississippi  
131 Outdoor Stewardship Board.

132 **SECTION 9.** In addition to all other sums herein  
133 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
134 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
135 Mississippi Burn Care Fund, and allocated in a manner as  
136 determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of  
137 the State Department of Health for the period beginning July 1,  
138 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 407,687.00.

139 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
140 burn care expenditures.

141 **SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein  
142 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
143 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
144 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and allocated in a manner  
145 as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of  
146 the Department of Finance and Administration for the period  
147 beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025.....



148 .....\$ 500,000.00.

149 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
150 the expenses related to the distribution of Coronavirus Local  
151 Fiscal Recovery Funds to Nonentitlement Units of Local Government.

152 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums herein  
153 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
154 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
155 General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the  
156 Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of  
157 Finance and Administration for the period beginning July 1, 2023,  
158 and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 4,300,000.00.

159 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
160 state property insurance premiums.

161 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums herein  
162 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
163 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury,  
164 to the credit of the Department of Child Protection Services, and  
165 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to  
166 defray the expenses of the Department of Child Protection Services  
167 for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,  
168 2024.....\$ 9,905,018.00.

169 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
170 salary and operational expenditures.

171 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
172 and after its passage.

