

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.

