

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2926
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....\$ 565,916.00.



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) Doe, et al. v. Fitch, et al, Cause No.
40 1:14-cv-00018-CWR-RHW.....\$ 409,692.00.

41 **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums herein
42 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
43 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
44 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by
45 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for
46 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,
47 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the



48 Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act
49 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 2,542,000.00.

50 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following
51 amounts are provided:

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

54 (b) Alexander, et al. v. Hall, et al., Cause No.
55 4:30-CV-21-SA-JMV.....\$ 547,000.00.

56 (c) State of Mississippi v. EPA, Case No.: 23-60069
57 (5th Cir.) and State of Mississippi v. EPA, Case No.: 23-60300
58 (5th Cir.).....\$ 150,000.00.

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

60 (e) White, et al. v. State Board of Election
61 Commissioners, et al., No.4:22-CV-00062-SA-JMV (N.D. Miss).....
62\$ 200,000.00.

63 (f) Mississippi State Conference of the National
64 Conference for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State
65 Board of Election Commissioners, et al.No.3:22-cv-734 (S.D. Miss)
66\$ 750,000.00.

67 (g) Eric Wallace, et al. v. Mississippi Department of
68 Corrections, et al., Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-516-CWR-LGI.....
69\$ 350,000.00.

70 (h) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the
71 State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United



72 States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi,
73 Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L)(N).....
74\$ 120,000.00.

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

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

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

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

94 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein
95 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
96 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the



97 Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund, and allocated
98 in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the
99 expenses of the Department of Revenue for the period beginning
100 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 2,700,000.00.

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

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

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

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

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



122 **SECTION 8.** In addition to all other sums herein
123 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
124 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury,
125 to the credit of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks,
126 and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office,
127 to defray the expenses of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries
128 and Parks for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
129 30, 2024.....\$ 834,250.00.

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

133 **SECTION 9.** In addition to all other sums herein
134 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
135 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
136 Mississippi Burn Care Fund, and allocated in a manner as
137 determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of
138 the State Department of Health for the period beginning July 1,
139 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 407,687.00.

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

142 **SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein
143 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
144 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
145 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and allocated in a manner
146 as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of



147 the Department of Finance and Administration for the period
148 beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025.....
149\$ 500,000.00.

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

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

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

162 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums herein
163 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
164 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury,
165 to the credit of the Department of Child Protection Services, and
166 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to
167 defray the expenses of the Department of Child Protection Services
168 for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
169 2024.....\$ 9,905,018.00.

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



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

