

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Parks, Butler,  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3007

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT  
3 UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR  
4 WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD  
5 OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sums of money, or so much thereof  
8 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in  
9 the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of  
10 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose  
11 of support of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center  
12 for Manufacturing Excellence, Mississippi State Chemical  
13 Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research  
14 Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center,  
15 Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research  
16 Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, the  
17 Stennis Institute of Government, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory,  
18 Polymer Institute, Small Business Development Center, Stennis  
19 Center for Higher Learning, the Commission for Volunteer Services,



20 the State Court Education Program, and the executive office of the  
21 board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
22 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 37,508,086.00.

23 **SECTION 2.** The following sums of money, or so much thereof  
24 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds  
25 from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not  
26 otherwise appropriated, to the Center for Advanced Vehicular  
27 Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Board of Trustees of  
28 State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support  
29 of the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources  
30 Institute, Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis  
31 Institute of Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute,  
32 Mississippi Small Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral  
33 Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical  
34 Sciences, the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for  
35 Higher Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer  
36 Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the  
37 Commission for Volunteer Services, and the executive office of the  
38 board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
39 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 56,867,659.00.

40 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
41 Sections 1 and 2 of this act hereof, the following amounts, or so  
42 much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board  
43 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the  
44 purposes hereinafter set forth:



45 (a) From State General Funds, for the support of:

46 Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for

47 the sum of.....\$ 4,719,726.00.

48 Supercomputer for the sum of.....\$ 650,627.00.

49 Center for Manufacturing Excellence for

50 the sum of.....\$ 3,055,335.00.

51 Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for

52 the sum of.....\$ 360,062.00.

53 State Court Education Program for the

54 sum of.....\$ 2,052,549.00.

55 Mississippi Law Research Institute for the

56 sum of.....\$ 877,354.00.

57 Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for

58 the sum of.....\$ 7,345,135.00.

59 Mississippi Polymer Institute for

60 the sum of.....\$ 897,881.00.

61 Mississippi Small Business Development

62 Center for the sum of.....\$ 322,774.00.

63 Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher

64 Learning for the sum of.....\$ 357,911.00.

65 Jackson State University Urban Research

66 Center for the sum of.....\$ 533,364.00.

67 Stennis Institute of Government for the

68 sum of.....\$ 775,525.00.

69 Commission for Volunteer Services for



70 the sum of.....\$ 1,101,383.00.

71 Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the

72 sum of.....\$ 8,376,324.00.

73 Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the

74 sum of.....\$ 351,676.00.

75 Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the

76 sum of.....\$ 1,856,803.00.

77 Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

78 for the sum of.....\$ 3,873,657.00.

79 (b) From Special Funds, for the support of:

80 Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for

81 the sum of.....\$ 142,782.00.

82 Center for Manufacturing Excellence for the

83 sum of.....\$ 142,782.00.

84 Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for

85 the sum of.....\$ 624,768.00.

86 Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety

87 for the sum of.....\$ 1,887,125.00.

88 Mississippi Law Research Institute for the

89 sum of.....\$ 1,990,795.00.

90 Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for

91 the sum of.....\$ 27,179,057.00.

92 Mississippi Small Business Development

93 Center for the sum of.....\$ 3,198,907.00.

94 Commission for Volunteer Services for



95 the sum of.....\$ 5,076,128.00.

96 Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the

97 sum of.....\$ 1,868,526.00.

98 Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the

99 sum of.....\$ 498,965.00.

100 Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

101 for the sum of.....\$ 14,257,824.00.

102 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1  
103 of this act and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory,  
104 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning  
105 shall allocate One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
106 (\$175,000.00) for Sea Grants matching for the Fiscal Year 2025.

107 Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in  
108 the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research  
109 Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
110 Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget  
111 reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123,  
112 Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be  
113 applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea  
114 Grant match.

115 It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds  
116 authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal  
117 funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries  
118 authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
119 withdrawn and no longer available.



120 After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided  
 121 the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of  
 122 charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi  
 123 Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional  
 124 services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
 125 Sections 1 and 2 of this act if any charges for such services  
 126 previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due.  
 127 After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the  
 128 laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

129 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
 130 act and authorized for expenditure in Section 3(b) of this act,  
 131 the following amounts shall be derived from Education Enhancement  
 132 Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,  
 133 Mississippi Code of 1972:

134	Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....\$	142,782.00.
135	Center for Manufacturing Excellence.....\$	142,782.00.
136	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.....\$	142,782.00.
137	Executive Office of the Board of Trustees	
138	for the sum of.....\$	<u>402,396.00.</u>
139	Total.....\$	830,742.00.

140 **SECTION 5.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall  
 141 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or  
 142 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board  
 143 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of  
 144 the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of



145 the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi  
146 Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or  
147 regulations that implement state or federal law.

148       **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
149 budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and  
150 programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be  
151 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
152 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
153 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

154       **SECTION 7.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
155 Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature any  
156 institution not in compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi  
157 Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

158       **SECTION 8.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
159 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
160 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
161 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

162       **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
163 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
164 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
165 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
166 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
167 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
168 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
169 made without competitive bids.



170           **SECTION 10.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized  
171 for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which  
172 a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

173           **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
174 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
175 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
176 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
177 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
178 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
179 actions contrary to this provision.

180           **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
181 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
182 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
183 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
184 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
185 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

186           **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
187 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after  
188 June 30, 2024.

