

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3010

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR  
3 FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending

10 June 30, 2025.....\$ 32,441,057.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi  
15 Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning

16 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 14,302,211.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
18 act, One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars



19 (\$1,150,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement  
20 Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
21 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

22 **SECTION 4.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein  
23 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds  
24 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions  
25 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

26 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
27 Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the  
28 emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education,  
29 Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community  
30 Development in each county.

31 **SECTION 6.** No part of the funds appropriated or authorized  
32 to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for  
33 payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who  
34 was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service  
35 pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of  
36 State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such  
37 legal services.

38 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
39 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to  
40 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
41 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
42 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.



43           **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if  
 44 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly  
 45 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,  
 46 research grants or donations, such special source funds not  
 47 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and  
 48 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the  
 49 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special  
 50 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2025  
 51 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

52           **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
 53 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
 54 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 55 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 56 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 57 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 58 performance measures provided below:

	FY2025
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
61 Agriculture	
62           Number of Published Information Items	300
63           Number of Mass Items	4,500
64           Number of Direct Educational Contacts	270,000
65           Average Cost per Educational Contact	13.46
66 Family & Consumer Education	
67           Number of Published Information Items	150



68	Number of Direct Educational Contacts	205,000
69	Average Cost per Educational Contact	9.34
70	Business & Community Dev	
71	Number of Direct Educational Contacts	88,000
72	Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
73	4-H Youth Development	
74	Number of Direct Educational Contacts	178,000
75	Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
76	Natural Resources & Environment	
77	Number of Published Information Items	150
78	Number of Mass Media Items	6,000
79	Number of Total Contacts Across all	
80	Delivery Methods/Events	370,000
81	Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75

82 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
83 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
84 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
85 Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

86 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
87 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
88 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
89 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
90 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
91 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



92 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
93 made without competitive bids.

94       **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
95 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
96 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
97 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
98 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
99 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
100 actions contrary to this provision.

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

107       **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
108 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after  
109 June 30, 2024.

