

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Branning,  
Jackson, Thompson, Williams

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3023

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE  
2 WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN  
3 SECTION 51-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR 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, to the  
8 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the  
9 purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
10 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
11 June 30, 2025.....\$ 164,556.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
16 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal  
17 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
18 .....\$ 342,584.00.



19           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 this act, the following positions are authorized:

21       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

22           Permanent:                       3

23           Time-Limited:                   0

24           Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
25 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

26           No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
27 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
28 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
29 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

30           **SECTION 4.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or  
31 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of  
32 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of  
33 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for  
34 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of  
35 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

36           It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles  
37 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply  
38 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

39           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
40 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
41 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
42 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
43 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



44 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
45 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
46 made without competitive bids.

47 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
48 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority shall maintain  
49 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
50 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
51 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
52 maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of  
53 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
54 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
55 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
56 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request  
57 process.

58 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
59 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
60 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
61 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
62 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
63 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
64 actions contrary to this provision.

65 **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
66 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
67 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
68 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



69 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
70 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

71 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
72 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after  
73 June 30, 2024.

