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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3029

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD
3 OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FOR FISCAL YEAR
4 2025.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners
9 for Licensed Professional Counselors, for the purpose of defraying
10 the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 277,256.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
13 Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

14 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

15 Permanent: 2

16 Time-Limited: 0

17 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
18 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



19 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
20 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

21 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
22 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
23 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
24 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

25 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
26 Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional
27 Counselors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel
28 records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under
29 this act and that such records shall be in the same format and
30 level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further
31 the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request
32 for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
33 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
34 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025
35 budget request process.

36 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
37 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
38 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
39 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
40 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
41 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
42 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
43 made without competitive bids.



44 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
45 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
46 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
47 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
48 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
49 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
50 actions contrary to this provision.

51 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
52 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
53 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
54 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
55 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
56 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

57 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after
59 June 30, 2024.

