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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3044

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR  
3 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 purpose of  
8 defraying the general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi  
9 National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
10 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 8,601,185.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National  
13 Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the  
14 Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws  
15 of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No.  
16 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air  
17 National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying  
18 out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state



19 agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
20 June 30, 2025.....\$ 150,970,727.00.

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

23 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

24 Permanent: 775

25 Time-Limited: 24

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

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31 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

32 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
33 Section 2 of this act, funds in the amount of Two Million Three  
34 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000.00) shall be derived  
35 from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections  
36 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose  
37 of defraying the expenses of the State Education Assistance  
38 Program.

39 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
40 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to  
41 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
42 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
43 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.



44           **SECTION 6.** All funds authorized to be expended herein shall  
45 be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the  
46 provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.  
47 If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby  
48 expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein  
49 appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest  
50 rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such  
51 investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested  
52 in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the  
53 United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county  
54 or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal  
55 bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have  
56 been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said  
57 bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall  
58 mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested  
59 will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

60           **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
61 act, One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seventy-five  
62 Dollars (\$1,928,075.00) shall be provided for the support of the  
63 Youth Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

64           **SECTION 8.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of  
65 this act, Six Hundred Forty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-two  
66 Dollars (\$644,852.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military  
67 Museum located at Camp Shelby.



68           **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this  
69 act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and  
70 personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs  
71 associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of  
72 funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and  
73 members for per diems and travel expenses shall be expended from  
74 any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi  
75 National Guard for ancillary purposes.

76           **SECTION 10.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of  
77 this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars  
78 (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for  
79 America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

80           **SECTION 11.** Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2 of  
81 this act, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the  
82 purchase of uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

83           **SECTION 12.** The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby  
84 authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including  
85 general funds or capital expense funds, to special funds within  
86 the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant  
87 matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer  
88 shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the  
89 Department of Finance and Administration. The Military Department  
90 shall provide an annual report of all transfers to the Chairmen of  
91 the Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Budget Office by



92 October 1 each year, summarizing the status of projects funded by  
93 transfers to special funds over the prior fiscal year.

94       **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
95 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
96 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
97 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
98 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
99 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
100 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
101 made without competitive bids.

102       **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
103 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
104 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
105 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
106 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
107 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
108 actions contrary to this provision.

109       **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
110 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
111 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
112 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
113 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
114 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



115           **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
116 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after  
117 June 30, 2024.

