

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Blackwell,
McLendon, Simmons (13th)

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3054

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of
7 the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year
8 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
9\$ 38,038,291.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
12 Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and
13 Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred
14 in the operation of the various offices of the department for the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
16\$ 37,762,903.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 319

21 Time-Limited: 2

22 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
23 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
24 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
25 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
26 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
27 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal
28 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall
29 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency
30 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the
31 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to
32 the personal services amount must be approved by the State
33 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation
34 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be
35 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate
36 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services
37 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved
38 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active
39 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's
40 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are
41 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,
42 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
43 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board



44 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any
45 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board
46 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in
47 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the
48 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the
49 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the
50 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
51 Board.

52 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
53 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
54 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
55 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
56 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
57 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the
58 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
59 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
60 essential for the agency.

61 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
62 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
63 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
64 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
65 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
66 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
67 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



68 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
69 appropriated level.

70 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
71 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
72 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
73 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

78 **SECTION 4.** In addition to all other sums herein
79 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
80 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Tort
81 Claims Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
82 defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board in the
83 administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year
84 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
85\$ 6,482,379.00.

86 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
87 this act, the following positions are authorized:

88 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
89 Permanent: 6
90 Time-Limited: 0

91 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
92 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal



93 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
94 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
95 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
96 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal
97 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall
98 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency
99 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the
100 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to
101 the personal services amount must be approved by the State
102 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation
103 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be
104 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate
105 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services
106 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved
107 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active
108 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's
109 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are
110 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,
111 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
112 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board
113 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any
114 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board
115 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in
116 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the
117 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the



118 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the
119 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
120 Board.

121 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
122 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
123 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
124 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
125 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
126 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the
127 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
128 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
129 essential for the agency.

130 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
131 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
132 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
133 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
134 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
135 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
136 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
137 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
138 appropriated level.

139 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
140 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
141 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
142 withdrawn and no longer available.



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

147 **SECTION 6.** In addition to all other sums herein
148 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
149 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
150 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
151 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Commission on the Status
152 of Women for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
153 June 30, 2025.....\$ 44,125.00.

154 **SECTION 7.** In addition to all other sums herein
155 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
156 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
157 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Commission on the Status
158 of Women for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
159 commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
160 June 30, 2025.....\$ 3,135.00.

161 This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds
162 to defray the expense of the Mississippi Commission on the Status
163 of Women as established pursuant to Sections 43-59-1 through
164 43-59-14, Mississippi Code of 1972.

165 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
166 Sections 6 and 7 of this act, the following positions are
167 authorized:



168 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

169 Permanent: 1

170 Time-Limited: 0

171 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
172 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
173 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
174 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
175 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
176 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal
177 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall
178 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency
179 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the
180 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to
181 the personal services amount must be approved by the State
182 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation
183 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be
184 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate
185 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services
186 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved
187 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active
188 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's
189 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are
190 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,
191 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
192 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board



193 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any
194 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board
195 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in
196 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the
197 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the
198 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the
199 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
200 Board.

201 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
202 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
203 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
204 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
205 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
206 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the
207 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
208 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
209 essential for the agency.

210 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
211 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
212 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
213 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
214 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
215 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
216 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions



217 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
218 appropriated level.

219 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
220 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
221 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
222 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

227 **SECTION 9.** In addition to all other sums herein
228 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
229 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
230 Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of State Property
231 Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
232 June 30, 2025.....\$ 22,270,619.00.

233 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds herein appropriated, it is the
234 intention of the Legislature that two (2) of the allotted
235 Full-Time Permanent Headcount in Section 3 of this act may be used
236 for performing related administrative duties of the State Property
237 Insurance Program.

238 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums herein
239 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
240 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
241 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and



242 Administration for the purpose of providing a grant to the
243 Mississippi Home Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning
244 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 1,810,227.00.

245 **SECTION 12.** The funds appropriated in Section 11 of this act
246 shall be targeted to individuals with disabilities or individuals
247 with serious mental illnesses who:

248 (1) Are being discharged from a state psychiatric hospital
249 after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or, nursing facility,
250 or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual
251 disabilities after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or

252 (2) Have been discharged from a state psychiatric hospital
253 within the last two (2) years; and

254 (a) Had multiple hospital visits in the last year due
255 to mental illness; or

256 (b) Are known to the mental health or state-housing
257 agency to have been arrested or incarcerated in the last year due
258 to conduct related to mental illness; or

259 (c) Are known to the mental health or state-housing
260 agency to have been homeless for one (1) full year or have had
261 four (4) or more episodes of homelessness in the last three (3)
262 years; or

263 (3) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
264 and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an
265 institution where he or she resided for ninety (90) days or less



266 and who resides in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for
267 human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

268 Any funds appropriated herein to hire additional staff or
269 employ staff shall only be used to implement this housing program.

270 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an
271 annual financial report based upon the state's fiscal year shall
272 be provided to the Attorney General, the Chairman of Senate
273 Appropriations, the Chairman of House Appropriations, and the
274 Legislative Budget Office.

275 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
276 of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the
277 Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) shall be expended for the
278 purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose,
279 directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi
280 Legislature, state official, MHC board member, or person who has
281 been a member of the MHC within the last year.

282 **SECTION 15.** In addition to all other sums herein
283 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
284 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
285 Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Broadband
286 Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) as established
287 in Sections 77-19-1 through 77-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972,
288 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
289 June 30, 2025.....\$ 425,000.00.



290 **SECTION 16.** In addition to all other sums herein
291 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
292 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
293 Treasury to the credit of the Broadband Expansion and
294 Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) as established in Sections
295 77-19-1 through 77-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
296 purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal
297 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
298\$ 198,053,198.00.

299 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
300 of Sections 15 and 16 of this act, the following positions are
301 authorized:

302 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

303 Permanent: 6

304 Time-Limited: 0

305 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
306 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
307 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
308 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
309 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
310 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal
311 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall
312 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency
313 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the
314 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to



315 the personal services amount must be approved by the State
316 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation
317 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be
318 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate
319 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services
320 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved
321 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active
322 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's
323 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are
324 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,
325 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
326 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board
327 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any
328 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board
329 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in
330 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the
331 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the
332 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the
333 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
334 Board.

335 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
336 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
337 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
338 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
339 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If



340 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the
341 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
342 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
343 essential for the agency.

344 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
345 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
346 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
347 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
348 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
349 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
350 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
351 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
352 appropriated level.

353 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
354 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
355 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
356 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

361 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
362 Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete
363 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
364 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be



365 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
366 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
367 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
368 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
369 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
370 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

371 **SECTION 19.** The department is authorized to expend available
372 funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it
373 will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings
374 generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures
375 thereof.

376 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
377 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
378 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
379 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
380 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
381 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
382 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
383 made without competitive bids.

384 **SECTION 21.** The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real
385 Property Management of the Office of General Services is hereby
386 expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend
387 any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental
388 funding of construction and/or repairs and renovation projects.
389 The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of



390 the Office of General Services shall not use any of the funds
391 authorized in this section to pay salaries. For the purposes of
392 this section, the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
393 Management of the Office of General Services does not have the
394 authority to escalate from the Capital Expense Fund or the Working
395 Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

396 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
397 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to
398 exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00)
399 is authorized to be expended for the purpose of transferring funds
400 to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management
401 for the administration of projects for the repair and maintenance
402 of state-owned buildings.

403 **SECTION 23.** A report based on expenditures incurred during
404 the current and immediate past fiscal years shall be provided to
405 the Legislative Budget Office each regularly scheduled legislative
406 session. This report should reflect expenditures as a result of
407 the operation of the Robert E. Lee Building, the Woolfolk State
408 Office Building, the Gartin and Sillers Buildings, the Capitol
409 Buildings, the Central High School Building, the Robert G. Clark,
410 Jr. Building and other state buildings, and this report should
411 contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

412 **SECTION 24.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no
413 state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for
414 official business only.



415 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
416 act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars
417 (\$100,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray any shortfall
418 in the Master Lease Purchase Program as defined in Section
419 31-7-10, Mississippi Code of 1972.

420 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
421 act, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be expended
422 from the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund, as
423 established in Section 29-5-215, Mississippi Code of 1972.

424 **SECTION 27.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the agency
425 shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any
426 additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal
427 Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and
428 Administration and the State Personnel Board.

429 **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
430 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
431 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
432 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
433 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
434 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
435 actions contrary to this provision.

436 **SECTION 29.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
437 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
438 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
439 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



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

442 **SECTION 30.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
443 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after
444 June 30, 2024.

