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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3056

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
6 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the
7 expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
9\$ 20,987,573.00.

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 Mississippi Development Authority or
13 the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the
14 expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the
15 authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
16 June 30, 2025.....\$ 490,878,410.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 155

21 Time-Limited: 39

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 compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
79 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
80 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
81 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
82 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
83 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
84 performance measures provided below:

	FY2025
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Economic Dev & Incentives	
Number of National Recruitment Contacts	1,000
Number of International Investment Contracts	1,800
Number of International Trade Contacts	1,000
Number of Qualified National Prospects	225
Return on Investment	10.00



93	Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
94	Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
95	Number of Minority and Small Business	
96	Contacts	8,000
97	Number of Minority Business	
98	Certification Applications Processed	170
99	Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged	
100	Contacts	2,300
101	State Contracting with Minority Business	55,000,000.00
102	Number of Interactions with Interested	
103	Businesses	3,000
104	Number of Qualified Contacts	750
105	Number of Expansions	30
106	Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000
107	Number of Energy Efficiency and	
108	Renewable Energy Direct Contacts	10,000
109	Community Dev & Incentives	
110	Number of Requests for Financing or	
111	Incentives	225
112	Awarded Grants and Loans for Community	
113	and Economic Development	50,000,000.00
114	Number of Grants and Loans Awarded	100
115	Support Services Program	
116	Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
117	Tourism (Visit MS)	



118	Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	38,638
119	Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
120	Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	7.00
121	Number of Tourists Registered	2,706,927

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

126 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
127 act, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00)
128 shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of
129 Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi
130 Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.

131 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
132 Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete
133 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
134 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
135 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
136 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
137 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
138 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
139 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
140 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

141 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
142 this act, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six



143 Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so
144 much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of
145 supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for
146 Fiscal Year 2025, and shall not be expended for any type of
147 cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and
148 allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand
149 Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development
150 Awards.

151 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
152 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
153 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
154 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
155 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public
156 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening
157 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has
158 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or
159 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following
160 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the
161 Mississippi State Legislature."

162 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
163 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
164 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
165 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
166 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
167 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



168 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
169 made without competitive bids.

170 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
171 act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for
172 the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Areas.

173 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
174 act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for
175 the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.

176 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
177 Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to
178 escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed
179 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and
180 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
181 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

182 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
183 Mississippi Development Authority shall submit a notification of
184 any General Fund Transfers out of the major category Subsidies
185 into any other major categories to the Legislative Budget Office.

186 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
187 act, Twenty Thousand Twenty-five Dollars (\$20,025.00) shall be
188 provided for the support of the Mississippi River Parkway
189 Commission.

190 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
191 act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to
192 Innovate Mississippi.



193 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
194 act, One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) is
195 provided for the Energy High School Academy, established in
196 Section 37-69-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

197 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
198 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty Thousand
199 Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Book
200 Festival.

201 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Hundred
202 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided to the
203 Mississippi Main Street Association for statewide support and
204 operations.

205 **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
206 Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports
207 on the status of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund projects to the
208 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and
209 Administration. It is further the intention of the Legislature
210 that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint
211 Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such
212 related information on each project's expenditures with the
213 subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

214 **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
215 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
216 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi
217 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the



218 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate
219 Bill No. 3046, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning
220 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 744,784.00.

221 These funds are provided for administrative expenses at the
222 Mississippi Development Authority as outlined in Section 57-119-7,
223 Mississippi Code of 1972.

224 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
225 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
226 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
227 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
228 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
229 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

230 **SECTION 21.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
231 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
232 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi
233 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
234 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Air Service
235 Development Act, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3046, 2023
236 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
237 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 246,431.00.

238 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
239 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
240 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
241 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the



242 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
243 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

244 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
245 Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support
246 to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in
247 Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that
248 materially affects the operations of such park.

249 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
250 act, the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary is
251 appropriated out of the following funds in the State Treasury to
252 the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority for the
253 purpose of Mississippi Major Economic Impact Projects for the
254 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025:

255 (a) Triple Crown Fund for the purposes described in Section
256 57-1-651, Mississippi Code of 1972.....\$ 130,125,000.00.

257 (b) Project Poppy Fund for the purposes described in Senate
258 Bill No. 2001, 2024 First Extraordinary
259 Session.....\$ 235,228,000.00.

260 (c) Project Atlas Fund for the purposes described in House
261 Bill No. 1, 2024 Second Extraordinary Session...\$ 44,000,000.00.

262 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi
263 Development Authority provide the reporting requirements of each
264 fund appropriated in this section on or before January 5 of each
265 year.



266 **SECTION 24.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
267 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
268 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
269 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
270 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
271 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

272 **SECTION 25.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
273 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after
274 June 30, 2024.

