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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3056
(As Sent to Governor)

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\$ 21,420,879.00.

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.....\$ 374,213,496.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 158

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
28 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
29 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
30 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
31 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
32 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
33 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
34 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
35 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
36 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
37 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
38 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

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



44 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
45 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
46 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
47 essential for the agency.

48 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
49 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
50 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
51 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
52 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
53 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
54 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
55 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
56 appropriated level.

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

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

65 **SECTION 4.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
66 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
67 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
68 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the



69 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 70 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 71 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
Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
Number of Minority and Small Business	
Contacts	8,000
Number of Minority Business	
Certification Applications Processed	170
Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged	
Contacts	2,300
State Contracting with Minority Business	55,000,000
Number of Interactions with Interested	
Businesses	3,000
Number of Qualified Contacts	750
Number of Expansions	30
Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000



94	Number of Energy Efficiency and	
95	Renewable Energy Direct Contacts	10,000
96	Community Dev & Incentives	
97	Number of Requests for Financing or	
98	Incentives	225
99	Awarded Grants and Loans for Community	
100	and Economic Development	50,000,000
101	Number of Grants and Loans Awarded	100
102	Support Services Program	
103	Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
104	Tourism (visit Ms)	
105	Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	38,638
106	Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
107	Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	7.00
108	Number of Tourists Registered	2,706,927
109	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
110	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
111	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
112	Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.	

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



118 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
119 Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete
120 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
121 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
122 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
123 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
124 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
125 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
126 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
127 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

128 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
129 this act, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six
130 Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so
131 much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of
132 supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for
133 Fiscal Year 2025, and shall not be expended for any type of
134 cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and
135 allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand
136 Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development
137 Awards.

138 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
139 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
140 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
141 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
142 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public



143 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening
144 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has
145 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or
146 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following
147 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the
148 Mississippi State Legislature."

149 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
150 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
151 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
152 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
153 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
154 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
155 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
156 made without competitive bids.

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

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

163 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
164 Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to
165 escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed
166 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and



167 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
168 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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



192 **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
193 Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports
194 on the status of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund projects to the
195 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and
196 Administration. It is further the intention of the Legislature
197 that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint
198 Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such
199 related information on each project's expenditures with the
200 subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

201 **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
202 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
203 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi
204 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
205 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate
206 Bill No. 3046, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning
207 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 744,784.00.

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

211 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
212 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
213 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
214 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
215 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
216 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



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

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

231 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
232 Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support
233 to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in
234 Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that
235 materially affects the operations of such park.

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



242 (a) Triple Crown Fund for the purposes described in Section
243 57-1-651, Mississippi Code of 1972.....\$ 81,105,000.00.

244 (b) Project Poppy Fund for the purposes described in Senate
245 Bill No. 2001, 2024 First Extraordinary
246 Session.....\$ 117,614,000.00.

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

249 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi
250 Development Authority provide the reporting requirements of each
251 fund appropriated in this section on or before January 5 of each
252 year.

253 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three
254 Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00), or so much
255 thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in
256 the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as
257 created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024,
258 and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office
259 and One Million Six-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00), or
260 so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any
261 money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Atlas
262 Fund, as created in House Bill 1, 2nd Extraordinary Session of
263 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's
264 Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed
265 for Project Poppy and Project Atlas.



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

292 **SECTION 28.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
293 of Section 2, Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof,
294 shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the
295 credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
296 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
297 determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made
298 for the purpose of providing funds for the support of the
299 Mississippi Book Festival.

300 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
301 of Section 2, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so
302 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State
303 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
304 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
305 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This
306 appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds for the
307 support of the Sanderson Farms Championship.

308 **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
309 of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much
310 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
311 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
312 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
313 determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made



314 for the purpose of providing funds for the support of the
315 Mississippi Museum of Art.

316 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
317 of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so
318 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State
319 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
320 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
321 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This
322 appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds for the
323 support of the Mississippi Tourism Association.

324 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
325 of Section 2, Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00), or so much
326 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
327 to the credit of the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund, as
328 created in Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, and
329 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.
330 These funds are provided to defray expenses for Mississippi Site
331 Development Grants.

332 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
333 of Section 2, Six Million Nine Hundred Seventy-two Dollars
334 (\$6,972,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any
335 money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Main
336 Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund and allocated in a manner
337 as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided
338 for Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grants pursuant to



339 Section 57-78-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate
340 Bill 2696, Regular Session 2024. The Mississippi Development
341 Authority shall provide the funds to approved grantees in the
342 letter of award recipients from the Mississippi Main Street
343 Association to the Legislature dated November 21, 2023.

344 **SECTION 34.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
345 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
346 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
347 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
348 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
349 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

350 **SECTION 35.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
351 and after July 1, 2024.

