

By: Representative Hall

To: Appropriations E;
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
3 FUNDING TO THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID FOR
4 JROTC SCHOLARSHIPS AT COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES FOR THE FISCAL
5 YEAR 2026.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State
10 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of providing
11 funding to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid for
12 community and junior college scholarships for high school students
13 who have participated in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
14 (JROTC) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
15 June 30, 2026..... \$ 4,000,000.00.

16 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be in
17 addition to the funds provided to the Board of Trustees of Higher
18 Learning in the annual appropriation to the board for the support
19 and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant



20 programs and the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid for
21 fiscal year 2026, for the purpose of providing the scholarships
22 described in Section 1 of this act.

23 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
24 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
25 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
26 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
27 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
28 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

29 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2025.

