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To: Appropriations C;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1743

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND IN THE STATE
2 TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE
3 FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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 appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning
9 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 6,854,812.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
11 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

12 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

13 Permanent: 62

14 Time-Limited: 0

15 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
16 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
17 Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds
18 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are



19 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi
20 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
21 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
22 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
23 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
24 2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025
25 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
26 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
27 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
28 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
29 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
30 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
31 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

32 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
33 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
34 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
35 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 do
36 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
37 the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 projected cost exceeds the
38 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
39 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
40 essential for the agency.

41 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
42 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State



44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
49 appropriated level.

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

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

58 **SECTION 3.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
59 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
60 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
61 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
62 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
63 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
64 performance measures provided below:

65		FY2026
66	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
67	Training	
68	Number of Students Trained	8,100



Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Fire Academy for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in House Bill 1798, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,825,000.00.

This re-appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

- a) Federal Grant Match to Purchase Vehicles..\$ 75,000.00.
- b) Replacement of Heat Building Components...\$ 1,750,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon



119 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
120 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
121 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

122 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
123 and after July 1, 2025.

