

By: Representatives Read, Cockerham

To: Appropriations A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1773

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENSE  
2 FUNDS AND GENERAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO DEFRAY THE  
3 EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 CORRECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

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

6 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums herein  
7 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
9 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
10 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for  
11 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,  
12 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the  
13 Attorney General for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
14 June 30, 2025.....\$ 156,842.00.

15 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following  
16 amounts are provided:

17 (a) United States Environmental Protection Agency and the  
18 State of Mississippi; Chemfax, Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport,  
19 Harrison County, Mississippi; Docket Number CERCLA 04 2014 3756...



20 .....\$ 6,224.00.

21 (b) Marta Salvador as Next of Kin to Minor D.C. and Minor  
22 D.C. v. Mississippi School for the Deaf and Blind; Civil Action  
23 No. 3:23-cv-3100-TSL-RPM (S.D. Miss).....\$ 25,000.00.

24 (c) Curtis Flowers v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of  
25 Montgomery County, Mississippi, Cause No. 1:20 cv 00150.....  
26 .....\$ 50,000.00.

27 (d) Eddie Lee Howard v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court  
28 of Lowndes County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2021 0026 CV1C.....  
29 .....\$ 50,000.00.

30 (e) Anthony Fox v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of  
31 Hinds County, Mississippi, Cause No. 24-188.....\$ 25,618.00.

32 **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums herein  
33 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
34 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
35 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by  
36 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for  
37 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,  
38 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the  
39 Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act  
40 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 995,000.00.

41 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following  
42 amounts are provided:

43 (a) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the  
44 State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United



45 States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi,  
46 Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L) (N).....\$ 120,000.00.  
47 (b) United States Department of Justice CRIPA Investigation  
48 of MDOC.....\$ 350,000.00.  
49 (c) Alexander, et al. v. Hall, et al., Cause No. 4:30 CV 21  
50 SA JMV.....\$ 300,000.00.  
51 (d) IRS v. State Agencies.....\$ 75,000.00.  
52 (e) White, et al.v. State Board of Election Commissioners,  
53 et al., No.4:22-CV-00062-SA-JMV (N.D. Miss).....\$ 150,000.00.

54 **SECTION 3.** In addition to all other sums herein  
55 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
56 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the  
57 General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the  
58 Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of  
59 Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
60 30, 2025.....\$ 0.00.

61 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying  
62 expenses of the medical program.

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

