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To: Appropriations E

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1797

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
3 INCREASING UNIVERSITY FACULTY SALARIES TO AN AMOUNT CLOSER TO THE  
4 SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB) AVERAGE FOR THOSE  
5 SALARIES FOR THE FISCAL 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 for  
10 State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of  
11 increasing university faculty salaries to an amount closer to the  
12 Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) average for those  
13 salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
14 June 30, 2026.....\$ 64,055,883.00

15 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
16 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
17 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
18 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or



19 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,  
20 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

21       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after July 1, 2025.

