

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2840

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-113-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
3 VETERINARY SCHOOL FUND SHALL BE DISBURSED BY MISSISSIPPI STATE
4 UNIVERSITY; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 534, LAWS OF 2024, TO
5 REVISE THE FUND NUMBER OF THE 2022 EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND;
6 TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 29-9-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
7 PROVIDES A PROCEDURE FOR THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN STATE
8 PROPERTY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO DIRECT THE
9 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND-DFA TO THE 2022
10 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN
11 FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE LAND
12 IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO THE MISSISSIPPI VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
13 LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-113-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
16 amended as follows:

17 37-113-55. There is created in the State Treasury a special
18 fund to be designated as the "Mississippi State University
19 Veterinary School Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the
20 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart
21 from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be
22 disbursed by * * * Mississippi State University * * * for the
23 purpose of paying costs associated with the design, construction,



24 renovation, repairs, and equipping of the Wise Center. Unexpended
25 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
26 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or
27 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into
28 such fund.

29 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of Chapter 534, Laws of 2024, is amended
30 as follows:

31 Section 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State
32 Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall
33 transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense Fund
34 (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

35	FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
36	2024 Local Improvements		
37	Projects Fund created		
38	in Section 4 of this act		\$ 227,375,000.00
39	2022 IHL Capital		
40	Improvements Fund	6611330000	\$ 110,000,000.00
41	2022 Community and Junior		
42	Colleges Capital		
43	Improvements Fund	6611300000	\$ 45,000,000.00
44	2022 State Agencies Capital		
45	Improvements Fund	6611320000	\$ 26,100,000.00
46	2022 Department of Finance		
47	and Administration		
48	Statewide Repair and		



49	Renovation Fund	6611310000	\$ 23,900,000.00
50	Mississippi State University		
51	Veterinary School Fund		
52	created in Section 9 of		
53	this act		\$ 18,000,000.00
54	Mississippi Site Development		
55	Grant Fund	6614170000	\$ 40,000,000.00
56	2023 Lafayette County		
57	Infrastructure		
58	Improvements Fund	6611380000	\$ 160,000,000.00
59	2023 Desoto County		
60	Infrastructure		
61	Improvements Fund	6611370000	\$ 90,000,000.00
62	2022 Emergency Road and		
63	Bridge Fund	* * * <u>6619441000</u>	\$
64	30,000,000.00		
65	Strategic Multi-Modal		
66	Investments Fund	6695500000	\$ 10,000,000.00
67	2022 Infrastructure		
68	Match Fund	6619430000	<u>\$ 40,000,000.00</u>
69	TOTAL		\$ 820,375,000.00

70 **SECTION 3.** Section 29-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
71 brought forward as follows:

72 29-9-9. (1) Whenever any vehicle, equipment, office
73 furniture, office fixture or any other personal property which has



74 been acquired or is owned by any institution, department or agency
75 of the State of Mississippi becomes obsolete or is no longer
76 needed or required for the use of such institution, department or
77 agency, the same may be: (a) sold for cash, transferred, traded
78 or exchanged for other property, furniture, equipment, fixture or
79 vehicle needed by said institution, department or agency after
80 having first obtained the written approval of the Governor's
81 Office of General Services and the State Auditor or approval by
82 the Legislative Budget Office if utilized under the jurisdiction
83 of the Legislature; or (b) donated to any institution, department
84 or agency of the State of Mississippi, or any political
85 subdivision or local governing authority of the state. The
86 singular shall include the plural. Transfers, trades, exchanges
87 or donations made pursuant to this subsection may be made to any
88 political subdivision or local governing authority of the State of
89 Mississippi.

90 (2) The proceeds of all cash sales made, as authorized in
91 this section, shall be paid over into the support and maintenance
92 or contingent fund of the institution, department or agency as it
93 deems best.

94 (3) The head of each state institution, department or agency
95 shall be responsible and liable personally and on his official
96 bond, in the amount of the value shown on the state inventory, for
97 the disposal of any property contrary to the provisions of this
98 section.



99 (4) The Office of General Services, on the approval of the
100 Public Procurement Review Board, is hereby authorized and
101 empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations and to require
102 such information as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and
103 provisions of this section.

104 (5) Any violation of the provisions hereof by any elected
105 head of any institution, department, commission or agency of the
106 State of Mississippi, or any appointee or employee of any
107 institution, department, agency or commission coming under the
108 provisions of this section, shall constitute a misdemeanor and,
109 upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by a fine of not
110 exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in addition to personal
111 and official liability, as hereinabove provided.

112 (6) The disposal of any unneeded personal property at the
113 project described in Section 57-75-5(f)(vi), may be made in
114 accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Major Economic
115 Impact Act by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority,
116 under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by such
117 authority.

118 (7) The disposal of any alternative housing units purchased
119 through the Mississippi Alternative Housing Pilot Program may be
120 made by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency as required by
121 federal law to be in compliance with regulations of the federal
122 articles of agreement and its awarded conditions, and upon
123 approval of the Public Procurement Review Board.



(8) This section shall not be applicable to the State Veterans Homes in the event the State Veterans Affairs Board has contracted for property management services at the State Veterans Homes.

SECTION 4. (1) Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Two Million Forty-seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-five Dollars and Seventy-seven Cents (\$2,047,425.77) from the Capital Expense Funds- DFA (Fund No. 6494300000) to the 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund (Fund No. 6611330000) created in Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) These funds shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration to the University of Southern Mississippi, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control, to pay the costs for the repair or renovation of systems or buildings on the Hattiesburg campus.

SECTION 5. On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6449C00000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
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149 Secretary of State Land
150 Improvement Fund 6611100000 \$ 13,000,000.00
151 Mississippi Volunteer Firefighter
152 Length-of-Service Awards
153 Program Fund 3351600000 \$ 3,000,000.00
154 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
155 and after June 30, 2025.

