

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2840
(As Sent to Governor)

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 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4 OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 43 OF CHAPTER 95,
6 LAWS OF 2024, TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATION TO THE
7 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN SUM MAY BE
8 USED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL SAFETY PLATFORM;
9 TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 534, LAWS OF 2024, TO CORRECT THE
10 REFERENCE TO THE FUND NUMBER FOR THE 2022 EMERGENCY ROAD AND
11 BRIDGE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 29-9-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
12 PROVIDE THAT PURCHASES OF OBSOLETE PERSONAL PROPERTY SOLD BY THE
13 LEGISLATURE ARE NOT VIOLATIONS OF THE ETHICS LAWS; TO DIRECT THE
14 TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE
15 SECRETARY OF STATE LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE
16 TREASURER ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL
17 CENTER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
18 FISCAL YEAR 2026; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER
19 CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI
20 SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FUND; TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI
21 VETERAN'S HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND" WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY; TO
22 DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO THE
23 "MISSISSIPPI VETERAN'S HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND"; TO CREATE THE
24 "UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY SETTLEMENT FUND" WITHIN THE
25 STATE TREASURY; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS
26 FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTINGENT FUND TO THE "UNITED STATES
27 FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY SETTLEMENT FUND"; TO DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF
28 FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND DFA TO THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL
29 IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A
30 CERTAIN SUM FROM THE MARCH 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND TO THE
31 HAZARD MITIGATION ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT FUND; TO DIRECT
32 THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THE MARCH
33 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND TO THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST
34 FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM FROM



THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL SECTION 33-15-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION OF LAW CREATING THE MARCH 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND; TO CREATE THE "DBCF CIVIL MONEY PENALTY FUND"; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM FROM THE CONSUMER FINANCE FUND TO THE "DBCF CIVIL MONEY PENALTY FUND"; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM TO THE NG911 CMRS GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM TO THE STATE NG911 FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

37-113-55. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi State University Veterinary School Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the * * * Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to assist Mississippi State University with paying costs associated with the design, construction, renovation, repairs, and equipping of the Wise Center. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

SECTION 2. Section 43 of Chapter 95, Laws of 2024, is amended as follows:

Section 43. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) of this act, One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is provided for the continuation of * * * the current school * * * safety platform.



SECTION 3. Section 1 of Chapter 534, Laws of 2024, is amended as follows:

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

FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
2024 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in Section 4 of this act		\$ 227,375,000.00
2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund	6611330000	\$ 110,000,000.00
2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund	6611300000	\$ 45,000,000.00
2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund	6611320000	\$ 26,100,000.00
2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund	6611310000	\$ 23,900,000.00
Mississippi State University Veterinary School Fund created in Section 9 of this act		\$ 18,000,000.00



90	Mississippi Site Development		
91	Grant Fund	6614170000	\$ 40,000,000.00
92	2023 Lafayette County		
93	Infrastructure		
94	Improvements Fund	6611380000	\$ 160,000,000.00
95	2023 Desoto County		
96	Infrastructure		
97	Improvements Fund	6611370000	\$ 90,000,000.00
98	2022 Emergency Road and		
99	Bridge Fund	* * * <u>6619441000</u>	\$
100	30,000,000.00		
101	Strategic Multi-Modal		
102	Investments Fund	6695500000	\$ 10,000,000.00
103	2022 Infrastructure		
104	Match Fund	6619430000	<u>\$ 40,000,000.00</u>
105	TOTAL		\$ 820,375,000.00

106 **SECTION 4.** Section 29-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
107 amended as follows:

108 29-9-9. (1) Whenever any vehicle, equipment, office
109 furniture, office fixture or any other personal property which has
110 been acquired or is owned by any institution, department or agency
111 of the State of Mississippi becomes obsolete or is no longer
112 needed or required for the use of such institution, department or
113 agency, the same may be: (a) sold for cash, transferred, traded
114 or exchanged for other property, furniture, equipment, fixture or



115 vehicle needed by * * * the institution, department or agency
116 after having first obtained the written approval of the Governor's
117 Office of General Services and the State Auditor, or approval by
118 the Legislative Budget Office if utilized under the jurisdiction
119 of the Legislature; or (b) donated to any institution, department
120 or agency of the State of Mississippi, or any political
121 subdivision or local governing authority of the state. The
122 singular shall include the plural. Transfers, trades, exchanges
123 or donations made pursuant to this subsection may be made to any
124 political subdivision or local governing authority of the State of
125 Mississippi. Purchases from sales made by either house of the
126 Legislature or a legislative agency under this section shall not
127 constitute a violation of Section 25-4-105(3) (b).

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

132 (3) The head of each state institution, department or agency
133 shall be responsible and liable personally and on his official
134 bond, in the amount of the value shown on the state inventory, for
135 the disposal of any property contrary to the provisions of this
136 section.

137 (4) The Office of General Services, on the approval of the
138 Public Procurement Review Board, is hereby authorized and
139 empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations and to require



such information as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and provisions of this section.

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

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

(7) The disposal of any alternative housing units purchased through the Mississippi Alternative Housing Pilot Program may be made by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency as required by federal law to be in compliance with regulations of the federal articles of agreement and its awarded conditions, and upon 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 5. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6449C00000) to the Secretary of State Land Improvement Fund (Fund No. 6611100000).

SECTION 6. During the period beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, on behalf of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, shall transfer Four Million Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$4,030,416.00) for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce to the State Department of Health for the transfer of the program that occurred in House Bill No. 1129, 2024 Regular Session.

SECTION 7. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6449C00000) to the Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund created in Section 39-41-1(13).

SECTION 8. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Veteran's Home Improvement Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from



the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to defray costs associated with the design, construction, and equipping of a new veteran's home to be located in Rankin County. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

SECTION 9. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from the MSVA-Board CEF (Fund No. 6448200000) to the Mississippi Veteran's Home Improvement Fund created in Section 8 of this act.

SECTION 10. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "United States Fire Insurance Company Settlement Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to defray costs in compliance with the settlement in *Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management vs. United States*



Fire Insurance Company, Civil Action No. 2024-2039, related to the bookstore at Mississippi Delta Community College. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

SECTION 11. On July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-two Dollars (\$310,362.00) from the Attorney General Contingent Fund (Fund No. 8801700000) to the United States Fire Insurance Company Settlement Fund created in Section 10 of this act.

SECTION 12. (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 13. Upon the effective date of this act, the State
Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall
transfer the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
(\$2,500,000.00) from the March 2023 Storm Housing Mission Fund
(Fund No. 3370300000) to the Hazard Mitigation Administration and
Management Fund (Fund No. 337HM00000).

SECTION 14. Upon the effective date of this act and after
completion of the transfer in Section 13 of this act, the State
Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall
transfer the remaining balance of the March 2023 Storm Housing
Mission Fund (Fund No. 3370300000) to the Disaster Assistance
Trust Fund (Fund No. 3372500000).

SECTION 15. Upon the effective date of this act, the State
Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall
transfer the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
(\$5,500,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No.
6499C00000) to the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund (Fund No.
3372500000).

SECTION 16. Section 33-15-55, Mississippi Code of 1972,
which is the provision of law creating the March 2023 Storm
Housing Mission Fund, shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 17. There is created in the State Treasury a special
fund to be designated as the "DBCF Civil Money Penalty Fund,"



which shall consist of funds received from settlements related to violations committed under the former "Mississippi Money Transmitters Act," which was repealed by House Bill No. 1428, 2025 General Session, the "Money Transmission Modernization Act," which was enacted by House Bill No. 1428, 2025 Regular Session, and the "Mississippi S.A.F.E. Mortgage Act" and any funds from any other source designated for deposit into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of assessment, remediation, operation and maintenance, oversight and administration of licensees within the Consumer Finance and Mortgage divisions of the agency. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 18. During the period beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-five Dollars and Eighty-three Cents (\$1,760,285.83) from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund No. 3351200000) to the DBCF Civil Money Penalty Fund created in Section 17 of this act.

SECTION 19. On July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer and the Mississippi



Emergency Management Agency, shall transfer the sum of
Eighty-eight Million Three Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Three
Hundred Three Dollars (\$88,328,303.00), which are monies of the
former Commercial Mobile Radio Service Board, from the appropriate
financial institutions to the NG911 CMRS Grant Fund created in
Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2835, 2025 Regular Session.

SECTION 20. On July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer, in
conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer and the Mississippi
Emergency Management Agency, shall transfer the sum of Seven
Hundred Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$743,000.00), which are
monies of the former Commercial Mobile Radio Service Board, from
the appropriate financial institutions to the State NG911 Fund
created in Section 8(h) of Senate Bill No, 2835, 2025 Regular
Session.

SECTION 21. (1) Sections 1 through 18 of this act shall
take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

(2) Sections 19 and 20 of this act shall take effect and be
in force from and after July 1, 2025. However, Sections 19 and 20
of this act shall not take effect if Senate Bill No. 2835, 2025
Regular Session, does not become law.

