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To: Appropriations

## SENATE BILL NO. 3011

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
3 BOARD FOR 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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community  
9 College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and  
10 ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 6,124,038.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community College Board,  
14 for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the  
15 Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning  
16 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 92,699,800.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
18 act, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00) shall



19 be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds  
20 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi  
21 Code of 1972.

22       **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
23 this act, the following positions are authorized:

24       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

25           Permanent:                   43

26           Time-Limited:               0

27       Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
28 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

29       No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
30 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
31 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
32 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

33       **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
34 act, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine  
35 Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community  
36 College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the  
37 Greenville Higher Education Center.

38       **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
39 act, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars  
40 (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

41       **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
42 act, Five Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-six  
43 Dollars (\$574,386.00) shall be derived from the out of any money



in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on  
Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of  
defraying expenses incurred in the regulation and administration  
of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law  
and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College  
Board.

**SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated herein, up to One  
Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work  
Force Carryover Fund as created in Section 37-153-31, Mississippi  
Code of 1972.

**SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of  
this act, Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight  
Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) is appropriated for the  
Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding  
obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for  
industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in  
this section. All industrial training program commitments made in  
Fiscal Year 2026 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon  
funds available in this section, and any proposed commitments  
shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi  
Community College Board or the Executive Director's designee prior  
to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program  
commitments shall be made and based only upon training services  
provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures  
of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations



made July 1, 2025, or after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to this date.

**SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall be utilized exclusively by the Mississippi Community College Board for workforce training in accordance with Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2027 Workforce Education Program.

**SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College and funds in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,444,914.00) shall be transferred from the Community and Junior College Education Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online Training Program and the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.



93           **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in of Section 2 of  
94 this act, One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00)  
95 shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate  
96 transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency  
97 Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of  
98 administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the  
99 Mississippi Community College Board, pursuant to Section 37-35-9,  
100 Mississippi Code of 1972.

101           **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
102 act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from  
103 the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from  
104 the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi  
105 Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day  
106 operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

107           **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an  
108 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot  
109 shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the Board of  
110 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to defray  
111 utility costs.

112           **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
113 budget requests for administrative expenses of the Mississippi  
114 Community College Board for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to  
115 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
116 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
117 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.



118       **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
119 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
120 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
121 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
122 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
123 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
124 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
125 made without competitive bids.

126       **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
127 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
128 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
129 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
130 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
131 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
132 actions contrary to this provision.

133       **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
134 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
135 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
136 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
137 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
138 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

139       **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
140 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed from and after  
141 June 30, 2025.

