

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Wiggins, DeBar, To: Appropriations
Hickman, Norwood

SENATE BILL NO. 3014

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
9 June 30, 2026.....\$ 754,389.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
11 this act, the following positions are authorized:

12 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

13 Permanent: 6

14 Time-Limited: 0

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

17 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
18 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



19 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
20 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

21 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
22 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting
23 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
24 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
25 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
26 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
27 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to
28 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
29 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
30 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

31 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
32 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
33 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
34 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
35 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
36 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
37 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
38 made without competitive bids.

39 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that of
40 the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, the Ethics Commission
41 is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty
42 insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.



43 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
44 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
45 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
46 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
47 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
48 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
49 actions contrary to this provision.

50 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
51 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
52 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
53 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
54 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
55 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

56 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed from and after
58 June 30, 2025.

