

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3053
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO CERTAIN AGENCIES TO
2 REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY
3 FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
4 2026.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
8 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
9 Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment
10 Security serving as the fiscal agent, as authorized in House Bill
11 No. 1517, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular
12 Session, Senate Bill No. 3113, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate
13 Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning
14 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 37,594,226.00.

15 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
16 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
17 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
18 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



19 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
20 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
21 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
22 Department of Environmental Quality, as authorized in Senate Bill
23 No. 3056, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1716, 2023 Regular
24 Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate
25 Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of
26 administering the Mississippi Municipality and County Water
27 Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program established in Section
28 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning
29 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 358,693,365.00.

30 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
31 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
32 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
33 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

34 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
35 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
36 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
37 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in House
38 Bill No. 1518, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1719, 2023
39 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and
40 Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of
41 providing funds to destination marketing organizations to assist
42 in paying costs of certain marketing activities and providing
43 funds to Mississippi Main Street Association, as provided in



44 Section 57-123-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year
45 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
46\$ 602,722.00.

47 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
48 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
49 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
50 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

51 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
52 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Mississippi
53 Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant
54 Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
55 Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3064,
56 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,
57 and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of
58 funding the MAICU Grant Program established in Section 37-185-31,
59 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
60 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 7,215,238.00.

61 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
62 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
63 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
64 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

65 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
66 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
67 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
68 State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1614,



69 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,
70 and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of
71 operational expenditures needed to respond to the COVID-19
72 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue
73 Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by
74 the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity
75 therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
76 June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,950,581.00.

77 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
78 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
79 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
80 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

81 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
82 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
83 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
84 State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060,
85 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,
86 and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of
87 funding the COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program
88 established in Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
89 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
90\$ 2,103,442.00.

91 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
92 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended



balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program established in Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 14,481,807.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1538, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1715, 2023 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1951, 2024 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established under



Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
.....\$ 295,422,517.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
Department of Child Protection Services, as authorized in House
Bill No. 1611, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023
Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session,
for the purpose of defraying eligible operational expenses as
allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United
States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
.....\$ 22,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus



143 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise
144 appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as
145 authorized in Senate Bill No. 3010, 2022 Regular Session, Senate
146 Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058,
147 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of constructing a new
148 nursing school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as
149 allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
150 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United
151 States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the
152 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
153\$ 40,000,000.00.

154 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
155 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
156 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
157 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

158 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
159 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
160 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise
161 appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as
162 authorized in House Bill No. 1722, 2023 Regular Session, and
163 Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of
164 repair and renovation at and acquisition of equipment for the
165 facility used for the adolescent psychiatric program, for the
166 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
167\$ 1,652,000.00.



Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Mental Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2865, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of assisting with behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 46,251,485.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the



193 Mississippi National Guard as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3019,
194 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular Session,
195 Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No.
196 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
197 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 6,600,000.00.

198 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
199 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
200 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
201 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

202 **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
203 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
204 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
205 Department of Public Safety, as authorized in Senate Bill No.
206 3014, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular
207 Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the
208 purpose of completing capital projects at state-owned buildings or
209 grounds, crime prevention due to the increase in crime, and
210 operational expenditures, including the additional purpose of
211 backlogs at the Forensic Laboratory, necessary to respond to the
212 effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901
213 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or
214 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury
215 in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
216 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 2,339,329.00.



217 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
218 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
219 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
220 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

221 **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
222 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
223 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
224 District Attorney's and staff, as authorized in House Bill No.
225 1625, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular
226 Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate
227 Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding
228 additional salaries and office expenses of temporary legal
229 assistants and support personnel as authorized by Section
230 25-31-5(2)(g), Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to
231 the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section
232 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any
233 guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of
234 the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year
235 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
236\$ 94,656.00.

237 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
238 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
239 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
240 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



241 **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
242 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
243 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise
244 appropriated, to the Supreme Court - Administrative Office of
245 Courts, as authorized in House Bill No. 1949, 2024 Regular
246 Session, for the purpose of defraying the cost of eligible
247 expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act, for the fiscal
248 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
249\$ 437,608.00.

250 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
251 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
252 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
253 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

254 **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
255 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
256 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
257 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, as
258 authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as
259 amended by Senate Bill 2373, 2023 Regular Session, Senate Bill No.
260 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular
261 Session, for the purpose of providing funding for the Skilled
262 Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program,
263 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
264 June 30, 2026.....\$ 4,685,778.00.



Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3064, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2780, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,200,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3165, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the cost of allowable Surface Transportation projects included in the Maintenance Program of the MDOT



Three-Year Plan, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 50,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
Mississippi Department of Transportation, as authorized in House
Bill No. 1826, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying
the cost of allowable Surface Transportation projects included in
the Maintenance Program of the MDOT Three-Year Plan, for the
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
.....\$ 54,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended
balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the
purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 21. None of the funds reappropriated in this act
shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 22. (1) As used in this section, the term "agency"
shall mean the entities in which funds were reappropriated in
Sections 1 through 20 of this act.



(2) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC §§ 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section



complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(4) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 23. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act,



364 upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State
365 Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions
366 signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner
367 provided by law.

368 **SECTION 24.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
369 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.

