

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3073

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
2 OF COURTS FOR CASA OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
3 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASA CAPACITY GROWTH PROGRAM FOR THE  
4 FISCAL YEAR 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 appropriated out of any money in the State General  
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Administrative Office of  
9 Courts for CASA of Mississippi for the purpose of defraying costs  
10 associated with the CASA Capacity Growth Program for the fiscal  
11 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
12 .....\$ 1,600,000.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** As a condition of receiving the funds  
14 appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Administrative Office  
15 of Courts shall establish the CASA Capacity Growth Program to  
16 award grants to local CASAs to aid in their mission to serve  
17 abused and neglected children in courts.

18 **SECTION 3.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the CASA  
19 Capacity Growth Program shall be developed and overseen by the



20 Administrative Office of Courts in conjunction with CASA of  
21 Mississippi.

22       **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
23 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
24 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
25 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or  
26 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,  
27 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

28       **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2025.

