

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3011

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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32 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.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
44 in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on
45 Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of
46 defraying expenses incurred in the regulation and administration
47 of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law

48 and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College
49 Board.

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

54 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
55 this act, Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight
56 Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) is appropriated for the
57 Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding
58 obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for
59 industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in
60 this section. All industrial training program commitments made in
61 Fiscal Year 2026 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon
62 funds available in this section, and any proposed commitments
63 shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi
64 Community College Board or the Executive Director's designee prior
65 to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program
66 commitments shall be made and based only upon training services
67 provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures
68 of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations
69 made July 1, 2025, or after, and shall not be expended for
70 obligations made prior to this date.

71 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
72 act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from
73 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.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in of Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the

Mississippi Community College Board, pursuant to Section 37-35-9,
Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

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

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

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that
whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

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

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated 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, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

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