

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3029

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:

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 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Dental  
7 Examiners, for the support of said board for the fiscal year  
8 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
9 .....\$       1,276,240.00.

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

12       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

13       Permanent:               8

14       Time-Limited:           0

15       With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
16 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
17 Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds  
18 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
19 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi  
20 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's

21 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
22 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
23 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
24 2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025  
25 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
26 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
27 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
28 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
29 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
30 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
31 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

32       Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
33 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
34 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
35 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 do  
36 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
37 the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 projected cost exceeds the  
38 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
39 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
40 essential for the agency.

41       Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
42 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written

47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
49 appropriated level.

50 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
51 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
52 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
53 withdrawn and no longer available.

54 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
55 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A  
56 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
57 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

58 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
59 Mississippi Board of Dental Examiners shall maintain complete  
60 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
61 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
62 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
63 Year 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
64 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be  
65 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
66 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
67 provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

68 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of  
69 this act, an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars  
70 (\$27,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Board of  
71 Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription  
72 Monitoring Program.

73           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
74 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
75 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
76 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
77 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
78 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
79 actions contrary to this provision.

80           **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
81 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
82 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
83 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
84 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
85 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
86 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
87 made without competitive bids.

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

94           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
95 and after July 1, 2025.

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