

**Adopted**  
**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2543**

**BY: Committee**

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

60       **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
61 brought forward as follows:

62       27-104-321. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the  
63 State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
64 Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
65 (Public Law No. 117-2) shall be deposited into the Coronavirus  
66 State Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this  
67 section.

68       (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to  
69 be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund."



70 The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited  
71 into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds  
72 appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any  
73 manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit  
74 into the special fund. Monies in the fund shall only be spent  
75 upon appropriation by the Legislature and shall only be used as  
76 provided in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section  
77 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No.  
78 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or  
79 guidelines.

80 (3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the  
81 end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund  
82 but shall remain in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.  
83 Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the  
84 special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

85 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-104-323, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
86 brought forward as follows:

87 27-104-323. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the  
88 State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery  
89 Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
90 (Public Law No. 117-2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of  
91 local government shall be deposited into the Coronavirus Local  
92 Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this section.

93 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to  
94 be designated as the "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" to



95 be administered by the Department of Finance and Administration.  
96 The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited  
97 into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds  
98 appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any  
99 manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit  
100 into the special fund. The Department of Finance and  
101 Administration shall distribute the funds to the nonentitlement  
102 units of local government in accordance with the Coronavirus Local  
103 Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan  
104 Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) and any applicable federal  
105 guidelines. Such funds shall only be used as provided in the  
106 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the  
107 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) or as  
108 authorized by federal rule or regulation or guidelines.

109 (3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the  
110 end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund  
111 but shall remain in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.  
112 The State Fiscal Officer shall transfer to the Coronavirus State  
113 Fiscal Recovery Fund the full amount of any investment earnings or  
114 interest earned on amounts in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal  
115 Recovery Fund that are remaining in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal  
116 Recovery Fund on July 1, 2024. Any investment earnings or  
117 interest earned on amounts in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal  
118 Recovery Fund after July 1, 2024, shall be deposited to the credit



of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund created in Section 27-104-321.

(4) The State Fiscal Officer is authorized, in his or her discretion, to transfer to the federal government any funds in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that have not been used for the purpose for which they were received.

**SECTION 3.** Section 27-104-325, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-104-325. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund", which shall consist of funds calculated based on a reduction in the state's general revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, made available through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and transferred into the fund by act of the Legislature. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of providing government services.



**SECTION 4.** Section 37-106-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-106-64. (1) There is established the "Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program" for nursing graduates to be administered by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board.

(2) Subject to the availability of funds, an eligible applicant for an initial award must have:

(a) Legal residency in the State of Mississippi;

(b) Gained employment as a full-time licensed practical nurse or licensed registered nurse at a skilled nursing home in the State of Mississippi or a general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi that is licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health;

(c) A current relevant Mississippi professional license; and

(d) Outstanding qualifying educational loans, received at any point during the recipients postsecondary education career, which may include the principal, interest and related expenses such as the required interest premium on the unpaid balances of government and commercial loans obtained by the recipient for educational expense.

(3) Persons who have received funds from state-forgivable loan programs established under Mississippi law, or who are in default or delinquent on any federal, state, local or commercial



qualifying educational loan, shall not be eligible for this program.

(4) Recipients in the program shall be selected on a first-come, first-served basis from all eligible applicants. The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board shall renew eligible applicants approved in prior years only if the renewal applicant continues to meet the standards set forth in this section, and the renewal applicant has not received full funding provided by this subsection (4).

(5) Awards for recipients who are employed at a skilled nursing home or a licensed general acute care hospital in the state may be a maximum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for each year of employment up to three (3) years.

(6) A recipient shall not be penalized for ending employment at a skilled nursing home or a licensed general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi if the recipient begins working for another skilled nursing home or licensed general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi during the year on which the award is based.

(7) Awards shall be granted on a year-to-year basis, and recipients have no obligation to seek a subsequent award.

(8) Awards shall be paid annually, after the expiration of the year of employment for which the award was granted, to the recipient's lender or loan service provider, to be applied to the outstanding balance. Monies paid by the recipient or on the



recipient's behalf toward qualifying educational loans before payment of the award shall not be eligible for reimbursement through the program.

(9) During the employment year for which the award is granted, a recipient shall at all times keep the State Financial Aid Board informed of any changes to the recipient's current, correct and complete employment information and status.

(10) Recipients, who fail to maintain a relevant Mississippi professional license or fail to fulfill the year of employment on which the award was based, forfeit any right to the award.

(11) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Nursing and any other applicable state agency as determined by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, shall attempt to track award recipients under this program through their third employment year, unless the recipient leaves employment at a skilled nursing home or a licensed general acute care hospital in the state at an earlier date. Data collected shall include each recipients' place of employment and any other pertinent information necessary to determine the efficacy of the program in retaining nurses in skilled nursing homes or licensed general acute care hospitals in the State of Mississippi.

(12) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the



proper administration of this section, including setting a fiscal year policy for the program and application dates and deadlines.

(13) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

**SECTION 5.** Section 37-153-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-153-57. (1) There is established the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce Development Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of providing education and training to citizens seeking employment in high-wage, high-demand industries in the state, including, but not limited to, the nursing and healthcare fields, which were impacted by the disruption to the economy and workforce caused by COVID-19. This program shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under ARPA or any other funds appropriated by the Legislature.

(2) As used in this section, the following words have the meanings ascribed unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Recipient" means a community college, institution of higher learning, or trainee recipient of grant funding under this section.

(b) "Trainee" means an individual receiving training or other services through programs under this article with the goal of becoming employed in a high-wage, high-demand industry.





(c) "High-wage, high-demand industry" means those industries paying above Mississippi's median annual income and prioritized by the office and the four (4) local workforce areas.

(d) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient, pursuant to this article, to include:

- (i) Necessary equipment or other supplies;
- (ii) Curricula or other academic or training materials;
- (iii) Remote learning or other classroom technology;
- (iv) Stipends for teaching staff or faculty for workforce development programs;
- (v) Trainee support, including tuition expenses and childcare or transportation assistance;
- (vi) Coaching or mentoring services;
- (vii) Job placement services;
- (viii) Apprenticeship programs; and
- (ix) Recruitment programs.

(3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as fiscal agent in administering the funds.

(4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) A detailed explanation of the program the applicant intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, including:



(i) A description of the high-wage, high-demand field or workforce shortage area the program is intended to address;

(ii) The number of trainees who will be served by the program; and

(iii) The average wage rate for trainees receiving employment after completing the program;

(b) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;

(c) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(d) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) Applicants agreeing to commit a portion of their federal COVID-19 relief funds, if they received federal COVID-19 relief funds directly, or other state, federal or private funds as supplemental matching funds to offset the total cost of the approved program will be prioritized for approval.

(6) The office shall:

(a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program;

(b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program;



291 (c) Prioritize high-wage, high-skill industries,  
292 including, but not limited to, nursing jobs or other jobs within  
293 the healthcare field; and

294 (d) Coordinate with the Department of Employment  
295 Security to share information to identify individuals who were  
296 furloughed, unemployed, underemployed or otherwise displaced due  
297 to COVID-19.

298 (7) The office may use a maximum of two percent (2%) of  
299 funds allocated for this article for the administration of the  
300 grant program, to the extent permissible under federal law.

301 **SECTION 6.** Section 37-153-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
302 brought forward as follows:

303 37-153-59. (1) There is established the Mississippi Health  
304 Sciences Training Infrastructure Grant Program, the purpose of  
305 which is to provide a reimbursable grant for primary care health  
306 sciences training infrastructure at any osteopathic medical school  
307 in Mississippi that is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic  
308 College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic  
309 Association (AOA). This program shall be subject to the  
310 availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature using  
311 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under ARPA  
312 or any other funds appropriated by the Legislature.

313 (2) As used in this section, the following words have the  
314 meanings ascribed unless the context requires otherwise:



315           (a) "Applicant" means any osteopathic medical school in  
316 Mississippi that is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic  
317 College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic  
318 Association (AOA).

319           (b) "Health sciences training infrastructure" means any  
320 infrastructure that is eligible under ARPA that assists with the  
321 training of health sciences students to increase their interest  
322 and encourage their pursuit of careers in primary care.

323           (3) On or before July 1, 2022, the office shall promulgate  
324 rules and regulations necessary to administer the Mississippi  
325 Health Sciences Training Infrastructure Grant Program prescribed  
326 under this section, including application procedures and  
327 deadlines. The Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau  
328 of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is authorized  
329 and directed to advise the office regarding all such rules and  
330 regulations.

331           (4) The office shall receive applications submitted by the  
332 applicants, which shall include, but not be limited to, the  
333 following:

334           (a) A detailed description and the cost of the health  
335 sciences training infrastructure requested;

336           (b) The number of students currently trained at the  
337 applicant's school that pursue graduate medical education in  
338 primary care;



339 (c) A certification that the health sciences training  
340 infrastructure meets the guidelines of ARPA and its implementing  
341 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as  
342 may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United  
343 States Department of the Treasury; and all applicable guidance  
344 issued by the department; and

345 (d) Any additional requirements set by the office.

346 (5) Applications shall be reviewed and scored by the office.  
347 The office shall certify that each application submitted is an  
348 allowable expense as defined in ARPA and all applicable guidance  
349 issued by the department. The Department of Finance and  
350 Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
351 Management, is authorized and directed to advise the office as to  
352 the estimated cost and eligibility of the projects. The office  
353 shall award the grants to the applicants based on what projects  
354 the office determines has the most significant impact on  
355 increasing student access to primary care training opportunities.  
356 A grant agreement shall be executed between the applicant and the  
357 office. All final awards will be determined at the discretion of  
358 the executive director of the office. Funds shall be made  
359 available to an applicant upon the execution of a grant agreement  
360 between the office and the approved applicants. The office shall  
361 provide these funds to the applicants on a reimbursable basis  
362 after receiving support for expenses and determining that they  
363 meet the grant award criteria.



(6) The applicant may be required to repay the State of Mississippi for any grant funds awarded not consistent with the guidelines of ARPA and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury, and all applicable guidance issued by the office.

**SECTION 7.** Section 37-153-205, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-153-205. (1) There is established the Accelerate Mississippi Nursing/Allied Health Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of increasing capacity in nursing and allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs, job sectors which were severely impacted by the disruption to the economy and workforce caused by COVID-19.

(2) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Grant program" means the program established in this section, which provides funding, as determined by the office, from federal COVID-19 relief funds to sustain and increase capacity in nursing and allied health education and training programs, including accredited paramedic programs, or to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health students, at community and junior colleges or other entities facilitating healthcare-focused training programs as determined by the office.



(b) "Recipient" means a community or junior college or other entities facilitating healthcare-focused training programs as determined by the office.

(c) "Trainee" means an individual receiving training or other services through the grant program under this article with the goal of becoming employed in the nursing or allied health field, including as a licensed paramedic.

(d) "COVID-19" means the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

(e) "Federal COVID-19 relief funds" means funds allocated to the State of Mississippi from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).

(f) "High-wage, high-demand industry" means those nursing or allied health jobs, including paramedics, paying above Mississippi's median annual income and prioritized by the office.

(g) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient under this article, to include:

(i) Necessary equipment or other supplies to sustain or increase capacity in nursing or allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;

(ii) Necessary infrastructure, including building renovation or construction, for increasing capacity in nursing or allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;



413                   (iii) Curricula or other academic or training  
414 materials to sustain or increase capacity in nursing or allied  
415 health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;  
416                   (iv) Remote learning or other classroom technology  
417 to sustain or increase capacity in nursing or allied health  
418 training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;  
419                   (v) Job placement services for nursing or allied  
420 health students and graduates, including those in accredited  
421 paramedic programs;  
422                   (vi) Recruitment programs for nursing or allied  
423 health students and graduates, including those in accredited  
424 paramedic programs;  
425                   (vii) Other services aimed at helping retain and  
426 graduate current nursing and allied health students, including  
427 those in accredited paramedic programs.  
428           (3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as  
429 fiscal agent in administering the funds.  
430           (4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations  
431 to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an  
432 application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:  
433                   (a) A detailed explanation of the program the applicant  
434 intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, to include:  
435                   (i) A description of the nursing or allied health  
436 workforce shortage the program is intended to address, including





specific information from hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities or other health care providers in the region;

(ii) Any relevant waitlist or other information demonstrating high demand for graduates from the relevant nursing or allied health program;

(iii) The number of nursing or allied health students who will be served by the program; and

(iv) The average wage rate for nursing or allied health students receiving employment after completing the program;

(b) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;

(c) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(d) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) Applicants agreeing to commit a portion of their federal COVID-19 relief funds, if they received federal COVID-19 relief funds directly, or other state, federal or private funds as supplemental matching funds to offset the total cost of the approved program will be prioritized for approval.

(6) The office shall:

(a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program;



(b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program;

(c) Prioritize jobs within the nursing or allied health fields which are currently experiencing staffing shortages in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities and other health care providers across the state; and

(d) Prioritize jobs which are high-wage, high-demand jobs within the nursing and allied health fields, including the paramedic field.

(7) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds provided through the appropriations process for this program shall be reserved for community and junior colleges. A maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds provided through the appropriations process for this program may be awarded to recipients other than a community or junior college which facilitate healthcare-focused training programs as determined by the office.

**SECTION 8.** Section 37-153-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-153-207. (1) There is established the Accelerate Mississippi Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of creating new or increasing capacity in existing physician residency and fellowship programs in hospitals, which were severely impacted by the disruption to the economy and workforce caused by COVID-19.



(2) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Grant program" means the program established in this section, which provides funding, as determined by the office, from federal COVID-19 relief funds to create new or increase capacity in existing physician residency and fellowship programs at general acute care hospitals in the State of Mississippi which are licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(b) "Recipient" means a general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi which is licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(c) "Residency and fellowship programs" means advanced training programs in medical or surgical specialty areas which are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or a similar accreditation body.

(d) "COVID-19" means the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

(e) "Federal COVID-19 relief funds" means funds allocated to the State of Mississippi from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).

(f) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient, pursuant to this article, to include:

(i) Equipment or other supplies necessary for accreditation;



(ii) Necessary infrastructure, including building, renovation or construction, for accreditation;

(iii) Curricula or other academic or training materials necessary for accreditation;

(iv) Stipends for the recruitment, hiring and development of program directors, program coordinators, faculty and/or teaching staff and clinic staff necessary for accreditation; and

(v) Remote learning or other classroom technology.

(3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as fiscal agent in administering the funds.

(4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) Evidence that the applicant is in the process of preparing for accreditation, has applied for accreditation or has received accreditation for a new residency or fellowship program, or increased capacity in an existing residency or fellowship program;

(b) A detailed explanation of the residency or fellowship program the applicant intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, to include:

(i) A description of the workforce shortage the residency or fellowship program is intended to address, including specific information from health care providers in the region;



(ii) Any relevant waitlist or other information demonstrating high demand for medical school graduates to enter the residency or fellowship program;

(iii) The number of residents who will be served by the residency or fellowship program;

(iv) The budget for the residency or fellowship program, including a plan showing sustainability after accreditation and any required federal approval of the program; and

(v) The average wage rate for residents or fellows receiving employment after completing the program;

(c) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;

(d) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the residency or fellowship program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(e) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) Applicants agreeing to commit a portion of their federal COVID-19 relief funds, if they received federal COVID-19 relief funds directly, or other state, federal or private funds as supplemental matching funds to offset the total cost of the approved program shall be prioritized for approval.



(6) The office shall:

(a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program;

(b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program;

(c) Prioritize residency or fellowship programs within medical or surgical specialties which are currently experiencing staffing shortages in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities and other health care providers across the state;

(d) Prioritize residency or fellowship programs which produce graduates in high-demand medical and surgical fields;

(e) Establish a schedule of application deadlines and a system for considering applications on a rotating basis; and

(f) Ensure that every effort be made, in accordance with the priorities in this subsection, to provide funds for the placement of one (1) resident with each recipient before considering awarding funds for the placement of additional residents in the same round of consideration.

**SECTION 9.** Section 37-153-209, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-153-209. (1) There is established the Mississippi Allied Health College and Career Navigator Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of hiring professionals, or navigators, to provide individual assistance and guidance to students to assist them in many areas, from maneuvering challenges



587 while enrolled in college programs and understanding the job  
588 market to working through course challenges, and to help retain  
589 and graduate nursing and allied health students, at community and  
590 junior colleges. The Office of Workforce Development shall  
591 promulgate rules and regulations on the eligibility requirements  
592 to be a navigator. The grant program shall be funded from monies  
593 appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

594 (2) The office shall prescribe the terms and conditions of  
595 the grant program. To be eligible to receive a grant from the  
596 office under the grant program, a community college shall provide  
597 the following information:

598 (a) The number of nursing or allied health students who  
599 will be served by the program;

600 (b) A plan to provide data on participation and  
601 outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to  
602 the office throughout the funding commitment; and

603 (c) Any other information that the office determines is  
604 necessary.

605 **SECTION 10.** Section 37-185-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
606 brought forward as follows:

607 37-185-21. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited  
608 as the "Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program Act of  
609 2022."

610 (2) There is established the Independent Schools  
611 Infrastructure Grant Program, to be administered by the Department



of Finance and Administration. Under the program, eligible independent schools may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, stormwater, broadband and other eligible infrastructure projects to be funded by the Legislature using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

(3) The use of grants shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. An eligible independent school found to be fully or partially noncompliant with grant requirements shall return to the state all or a portion of the grant monies received and used for unallowable expenditures. Applicants shall confirm their understanding of these terms.

(4) For purposes of this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings as defined in this subsection:

(a) "Program" means the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established under this section.

(b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.





(c) "ARPA funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(e) "Eligible independent school" means any private or nonpublic school operating within the State of Mississippi that:

(i) Is a member of the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) and located in the State of Mississippi; or

(ii) Is accredited by a state, regional or national accrediting organization; and

(iii) Is not subject to the purview of authority of the State Board of Education.

(5) On or before July 1, 2022, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the program established under this section, including application procedures and deadlines.

(6) Funds under the program shall be awarded for ARPA eligible projects in the following order:

(a) Eligible water, wastewater and stormwater projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other eligible water projects allowable by ARPA;



661 (b) Broadband infrastructure projects;  
662 (c) Capital investments for prevention, mitigation and  
663 ventilation in congregate living facilities and other key  
664 settings; and

665 (d) Any eligible project through ARPA guidelines,  
666 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
667 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
668 Treasury, excluding premium pay for employees.

669 (7) The governing board of any eligible independent school  
670 may submit an application for grant funds under this section.  
671 Applicants shall certify to the department that each expenditure  
672 of the funds awarded to them by the department under this section  
673 is in compliance with the ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,  
674 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
675 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding  
676 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.  
677 Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the  
678 department.

679 (8) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
680 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
681 information as the department prescribes. Each application shall  
682 include the following at a minimum: applicant contact  
683 information; project description and type of project; project map;  
684 estimate of the population served by the project; estimated  
685 project cost; estimated project schedule; and readiness to



686 proceed. The department is authorized to accept additional rounds  
687 of grant proposals for application consideration as needed.

688 (9) Applications shall be reviewed, and the department shall  
689 certify that each project submitted is eligible under ARPA and all  
690 applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the  
691 Treasury. For water, wastewater and stormwater projects, the  
692 department must also certify that it is a "necessary investment"  
693 in water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure as defined in  
694 ARPA and all applicable guidance issued by the United States  
695 Department of the Treasury. Grant agreements shall be executed  
696 between the recipient and the department. All final awards shall  
697 be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the  
698 department. Funds shall be made available to a grantee upon the  
699 execution of a grant agreement between the department and the  
700 approved applicant, and the department obtains the necessary  
701 support for reimbursement.

702 (10) Grant funds shall be used prospectively, and grants are  
703 not available to cover the costs of debt incurred before July 1,  
704 2022.

705 (11) The maximum amount of grant funds that may be awarded  
706 to any eligible independent school under the program is One  
707 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

708 (12) The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative  
709 Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report about  
710 the program. The reports shall contain the applications received,



the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and the status of each applicant's project.

(13) Grant funds received under this section must be obligated no later than December 31, 2024, and must be expended no later than December 31, 2026. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project using any other funds available.

(14) The department may retain an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray its administrative costs.

(15) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

**SECTION 11.** Section 37-185-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-185-31. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program under which independent colleges and universities may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary



investments in water, wastewater, stormwater, broadband and other eligible infrastructure projects to be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to the following institutions: Belhaven University, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Rust College, Tougaloo College and William Carey University. Grant program funds shall be distributed to each listed institution based on the pro rata share of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the respective college or university. For purposes of this distribution, a full-time equivalent student shall be calculated as follows:

(a) One (1) full-time student shall be considered one (1) full-time equivalent student;

(b) One (1) part-time student shall be considered one-half (1/2) of a full-time equivalent student; and

(c) One (1) online student shall be considered one-fourth (1/4) of a full-time equivalent student.

(3) For purposes of this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MAICU Grant Program" shall mean the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program.



(b) "ARPA" shall mean the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" shall mean Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Department" shall mean the Department of Finance and Administration.

(4) On or before July 1, 2022, the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the MAICU Grant Program prescribed under this section, including application procedures and deadlines.

(5) Funds under the MAICU Grant Program shall be awarded for ARPA eligible projects in the following order:

(a) Eligible water, wastewater and stormwater projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other eligible water projects allowable by ARPA;

(b) Broadband infrastructure projects;

(c) Capital investments for prevention, mitigation and ventilation in congregate living facilities and other key settings; and

(d) Any eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be



785 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
786 Treasury, excluding premium pay.

787       (6) The boards of trustees of the respective members of the  
788 Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
789 (MAICU) may submit an application for grant funds under this  
790 section. Applicants shall certify to the Department of Finance  
791 and Administration that each expenditure of the funds awarded to  
792 them by the department under this section is in compliance with  
793 the ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other  
794 criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United  
795 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from  
796 the State Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent  
797 submissions will be due by the dates established by the  
798 department.

799       (7) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
800 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
801 information as the department prescribes. Each application shall  
802 include the following at a minimum: applicant contact  
803 information; project description and type of project; project map;  
804 estimate of the population served by the projects; estimated  
805 project cost; estimated project schedule; and readiness to  
806 proceed. The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration  
807 is authorized to accept additional rounds of grant proposals for  
808 application consideration as needed.



(8) Applications shall be reviewed, and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration shall certify that each project submitted is eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. For water, wastewater and stormwater projects, the department must also certify that it is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. All final awards will be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Funds shall be made available to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant, and the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement.

(9) Grant requirements shall be used prospectively and grants are not available to cover the costs of debt incurred prior to the enactment of this program.

(10) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund", which shall consist of funds appropriated by the Legislature from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies or other available federal grant funds for the purposes of awarding grants under this





834 section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of  
835 the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Coronavirus State Fiscal  
836 Recovery Fund or the State General Fund, and any interest earned  
837 on amounts in the fund shall remain in the fund. The expenditure  
838 of monies in the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges  
839 and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund shall be under the  
840 direction of the Mississippi Department of Finance and  
841 Administration;

842 (b) All monies shall be disbursed from the fund created  
843 in this subsection shall be in compliance with the guidelines,  
844 guidance, rules, regulations or other criteria, as may be amended  
845 from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury  
846 regarding the use of monies received by or on behalf of the State  
847 of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
848 established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law  
849 No. 117-2). Unexpended amounts remaining in the funds at the end  
850 of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the Coronavirus State Fiscal  
851 Recovery Fund or the State General Fund, and any investment  
852 earnings or interest earned on amounts in the program fund shall  
853 be deposited to the credit of COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity  
854 Program Fund;

855 (c) If there are unobligated Coronavirus State Fiscal  
856 Recovery Fund monies remaining in the fund created in this  
857 section, on the later of December 17, 2024, or fourteen (14) days  
858 prior to the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal



859 government, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
860 transfer these unobligated balances to the Coronavirus State  
861 Fiscal Recovery Fund. The Department of Finance and  
862 Administration shall then transfer the unobligated balance of  
863 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Coronavirus State  
864 Fiscal Recovery Fund to the State and School Employees' Life and  
865 Health Insurance Fund for an amount not to exceed the lesser of  
866 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or the amount of allowable  
867 ARPA expenditures, by no later than December 31, 2024, or on the  
868 date of the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal  
869 government. The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
870 then transfer all remaining unobligated balances of Coronavirus  
871 State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal  
872 Recovery Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Fund up to the ARPA  
873 allowable amount, by no later than December 31, 2024, or on the  
874 date of the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal  
875 government; and

876 (d) The use of funds allocated under this program shall  
877 be subject to audit by the United States Department of the  
878 Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office  
879 of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these  
880 programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the  
881 requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a  
882 portion of the funds received.



(11) The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report. The reports shall contain the applications received, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and the status of each applicant's project.

(12) Grant funds shall be available under this section through December 31, 2026. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project that a grant is awarded that in the event the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA Funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through any other funds available.

(13) The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration may retain an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(14) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

**SECTION 12.** Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

41-3-16.1. (1) (a) The State Department of Health (department) shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to assist rural water associations and entities in the construction of eligible drinking water infrastructure projects as



provided in the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

(b) Rural water associations and any entity that received funding under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program or the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program before April 14, 2023, shall be ineligible for additional grants under this section.

(2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through ARPA.

(4) (a) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the



933 project (both new and existing users); (e) impacts of the proposed  
934 project on disadvantaged/overburdened communities; (f) the grant  
935 applicant's prior efforts to secure funding to address the  
936 proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed  
937 contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the  
938 proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for  
939 the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the  
940 project; and (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate  
941 construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project  
942 by the deadline specified by rules and guidelines of the United  
943 States Department of the Treasury for ARPA funds.

944 (b) For the second round of grant awards, the  
945 department shall apply a greater weight to grant applications that  
946 promote consolidation of separate systems. In order to receive  
947 the additional weight, the systems that will consolidate shall be  
948 in a proximity of each other as determined by the department.

949 (c) In addition to the points awarded under paragraph  
950 (b) of this subsection, an additional ten (10) points shall be  
951 added to any application with at least one (1) system that has  
952 consolidated after January 1, 2018, and before application to this  
953 program and is otherwise eligible under this section.

954 (5) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
955 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
956 information as the department prescribes.



957           (6)   (a)   Upon the approval of an application for a grant  
958   under this section, the department shall enter into a project  
959   grant agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the  
960   grant for the project, including the amount of the grant.

961                   (b)   (i)   For the first award of grants, the maximum  
962   amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water  
963   association or entity from all grants under the program is Two  
964   Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

965                           (ii)   For the second round of grant awards, the  
966   maximum amount of funds that may be provided to any eligible  
967   association or entity from all grants under the program is Two  
968   Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

969                   (c)   Associations or entities that received funding  
970   under the first round of grant awards for this program or received  
971   funding in the Mississippi Municipality and County Water  
972   Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 are ineligible to receive  
973   funding under the second round.

974           (7)   With any funds appropriated to the department for the  
975   program after April 1, 2024, the department shall distribute the  
976   funds to projects from the second round of grant awards in the  
977   order in which the applications were ranked for grants as long as  
978   the department determines that the project can obligate the funds  
979   by October 1, 2024, and expend the funds by December 31, 2026.  
980   Where the department determines that a project cannot obligate or  
981   expend the funds by the required dates, the department shall not



982 fund the project, and it shall continue from the second round of  
983 grant awards in the order in which the applications were ranked  
984 for grants.

985 (8) The department shall have all powers necessary to  
986 implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated  
987 to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%)  
988 may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of  
989 administering the program.

990 (9) In carrying out its responsibilities under the program,  
991 for any contract under the purview of the Public Procurement  
992 Review Board (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any  
993 requirement that the PPRB approve any personal or professional  
994 services contracts or pre-approve any solicitation of such  
995 contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

996 (10) The department shall submit an annual report regarding  
997 the program no later than December 31 of each year to the  
998 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of  
999 the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

1000 (11) For the purposes of this section, "entity" means:

1001 (a) Any entity operating as a rural water association,  
1002 regardless of whether such entities were user created, were  
1003 initially organized not for profit, or have been granted  
1004 tax-exempt status under state or federal law.

1005 (b) Any nonprofit water or sewer provider not owned by  
1006 the municipality or county and are not a Rural Water Association.



(c) Any entity eligible under this program shall be currently operating as a not-for-profit entity.

(d) "Entity" under this subsection does not include any state agency. No state agency shall be eligible under this program.

**SECTION 13.** Section 41-9-371, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

41-9-371. (1) There is established the Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program which shall be administered by the State Department of Health.

(2) In order to strengthen, improve and preserve access to Mississippi hospital care services for all Mississippians and in recognition of the challenges incurred by Mississippi hospitals as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, funds from the program shall be distributed, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to each hospital licensed by the State of Mississippi, except for hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and hospitals operated by the State Department of Mental Health. Licensed specialty hospitals that are recognized as such by the State Department of Health, except for those excluded under this subsection, are eligible for grants under the program.

(3) The department shall distribute grants to each eligible hospital based upon the following formula:

(a) Each hospital that has fewer than one hundred (100) licensed beds and that is not classified as a critical access





1032 hospital that operates an emergency department shall be eligible  
1033 to receive Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000.00)  
1034 to defray the costs of providing emergency department services.

1035 (b) Each rural hospital that has fewer than one hundred  
1036 (100) licensed beds and that is classified as a critical access  
1037 hospital that operates an emergency department shall be eligible  
1038 to receive Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to defray  
1039 the costs of providing emergency department services.

1040 (c) Each hospital that operates an emergency department  
1041 and that has more than one hundred (100) licensed beds shall be  
1042 eligible to receive One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

1043 (d) Each hospital with fewer than two hundred (200)  
1044 licensed beds with the majority of such beds being dedicated to  
1045 providing specialty services such as women's health services,  
1046 long-term acute care, rehabilitation or psychiatric services shall  
1047 be eligible to receive Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
1048 (\$500,000.00).

1049 (e) Each rural hospital with fewer than one hundred  
1050 (100) licensed beds with no emergency department shall be eligible  
1051 to receive Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to defray  
1052 the costs of providing access to hospital care in rural  
1053 communities.

1054 (f) In addition to the funds provided in paragraphs (a)  
1055 through (e) of this subsection, each small rural hospital with  
1056 fifty (50) beds or less which operated an emergency department



shall be eligible to receive Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to defray the costs of providing access to hospital care in rural communities.

(g) In addition to the funds distributed in paragraphs (a) through (c) and (e) through (f) of this subsection, any remaining funds appropriated for the purposes of this grant program shall be distributed to hospitals receiving funds in paragraphs (a) through (c) and (e) through (f) of this subsection on a pro rata amount by dividing the total amount of the remaining funds by the number of licensed beds attributable to all licensed Mississippi hospitals except for licensed beds attributable to hospitals described in paragraph (d) of this subsection and for licensed beds attributable to hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and hospitals operated by the State Department of Mental Health and determining a dollar amount for each bed, and then multiplying that dollar amount by the number of licensed beds of that hospital.

(4) The department shall adopt such reasonable rules as necessary for the administration of the program, but shall not place additional qualification requirements on hospitals other than the minimum requirements in this section.

(5) The Mississippi Hospital Association shall form a work group to review the delivery of hospital services in Mississippi and shall make recommendations regarding the changes needed to sustain access to hospital care to the Lieutenant Governor,



1082 Speaker of the House, Chairmen of the House and Senate Public  
1083 Health Committees with copies to the Governor and the State Health  
1084 Officer.

1085       **SECTION 14.** Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1086 brought forward as follows:

1087       41-139-1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms  
1088 shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

1089               (a) "Local health care provider" or "provider" means a  
1090 facility that is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or  
1091 permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course of  
1092 business in the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited  
1093 to, skilled nursing facilities, direct primary care clinics,  
1094 provider owned clinics, rural health clinics, academic medical  
1095 centers, community health centers and/or independent physician  
1096 practices.

1097               (b) "Transitional assistance" means any assistance  
1098 related to changing a provider's current health care delivery  
1099 model to a model more appropriate for the community that the  
1100 provider serves, including, but not limited to:

1101                       (i) Conducting a market study of health care  
1102 services needed and provided in the community;

1103                       (ii) Acquiring and implementing new technological  
1104 tools and infrastructure, including, but not limited to,  
1105 telemedicine delivery methods, development of health information  
1106 exchange platforms to electronically share medical records,



1107 electronic health record optimization, purchasing connected  
1108 devices, upgrading digital devices, improving broadband  
1109 connectivity, public health reporting, and implementing online or  
1110 mobile patient appointment management applications; and

1111 (iii) Supporting the implementation of population  
1112 health management.

1113 (2) There is established the COVID-19 Mississippi Local  
1114 Provider Innovation Grant Program to be administered by the State  
1115 Department of Health. The program and any grant awarded under the  
1116 program shall be for the purpose of strengthening and improving  
1117 the health care system and increasing access to health care  
1118 services providers to help communities achieve and maintain  
1119 optimal health by providing transitional assistance to providers.  
1120 The department may award an innovation grant to a local health  
1121 care provider that applies in accordance with this section.

1122 (3) Eligible local health care providers shall provide the  
1123 following information to the department in their application for a  
1124 grant:

1125 (a) A description of the location or locations for  
1126 which the grant monies will be expended, including the name and  
1127 locations of where the provider administers health care services;

1128 (b) A statement of the amount of grant monies  
1129 requested;

1130 (c) A description of the needs of the provider, the  
1131 transitional assistance for which the grant monies will be



1132 expended and how such transitional assistance will meet the stated  
1133 needs;

1134 (d) Evidence that the provider has played an active  
1135 role in the community to combat the spread of COVID-19, including,  
1136 but not limited to, testing, vaccination and antibody treatment;  
1137 and

1138 (e) Any other information that the department deems  
1139 necessary to administer this section.

1140 (4) Applicants are limited to one (1) application per  
1141 business entity as determined by the applicant's business filing  
1142 status with the Secretary of State. Subsidiaries of the entity  
1143 are not eligible to submit separate applications. Health systems  
1144 that affiliate, own or control multiple clinics are only eligible  
1145 to submit one (1) application under the parent entity. The  
1146 department shall determine the amount of the grant to be awarded  
1147 to each applicant based on the factors detailed in the  
1148 application. Applicants for grants that were approved and funded  
1149 in the first round of grants awarded during fiscal year 2023 are  
1150 eligible to apply for the second round of grants awarded during  
1151 fiscal year 2024. The maximum amount of any one (1) grant that  
1152 may be awarded to an applicant is Two Hundred Fifty Thousand  
1153 Dollars (\$250,000.00). Grants may be used for reimbursement of  
1154 expenses of transitional assistance meeting federal and state  
1155 requirements that were incurred by providers during the period  
1156 beginning on March 3, 2021, through December 31, 2024.



1157           (5) The department may expend up to one and one-half percent  
1158       (1-1/2%) of the amount appropriated for the program for the  
1159       expenses of administering the program, or the specific amount  
1160       authorized for administrative expenses in the appropriation bill  
1161       if that amount is higher.

1162           **SECTION 15.** Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1163       brought forward as follows:

1164           41-14-31. (1) The Mississippi Department of Health shall  
1165       establish and administer the Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity  
1166       Program for the purpose of providing funds to hospitals that  
1167       increased treatment capacity related to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
1168       The program shall make grants to hospitals as a reimbursement for  
1169       expenses incurred during the period beginning on March 3, 2021,  
1170       through December 31, 2023, in the following manner:

1171           (a) Funds shall first be expended for the reimbursement  
1172       to hospitals for the creation of ICU beds at a maximum amount of  
1173       Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per bed. If the  
1174       reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all  
1175       hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this  
1176       program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the  
1177       reimbursement to each hospital per ICU bed created.

1178           (b) After such reimbursement is made in paragraph (a)  
1179       of this subsection, any remaining funds shall be used to reimburse  
1180       hospitals for the creation of negative pressure beds at a maximum  
1181       amount of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per bed. If the



1182 reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all  
1183 hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this  
1184 program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the  
1185 reimbursement to each hospital per negative pressure bed created.

1186 (2) The Department of Health shall:

1187 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to  
1188 implement the purposes of this act.

1189 (b) Require all applications for grants to be filed no  
1190 later than December 31, 2023.

1191 (c) Require recipients of funds under this program to  
1192 certify that the reimbursement for the creation of the intensive  
1193 care units or negative pressure room is for allowable expenditures  
1194 under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Public Law  
1195 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act; and its  
1196 implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other  
1197 criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by  
1198 the United States Department of the Treasury.

1199 (d) Certify to the Department of Finance and  
1200 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to  
1201 the office under this act is in compliance with the guidelines,  
1202 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
1203 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
1204 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State  
1205 Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of ARPA.

1206 (3) The department shall not:



1207                   (a) Reimburse hospitals for funds expended by the  
1208 "Mississippi ICU Infrastructure Act", Sections 41-14-1 through  
1209 41-14-11.

1210                   (b) Reimburse hospitals for professional fees expended  
1211 in the creation of the beds.

1212                   (4) The Department of Health may retain up to One Hundred  
1213 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the funds appropriated to  
1214 the program established in this act to pay reasonable expenses  
1215 incurred in the administration of the program.

1216                   (5) The department shall operate and administer the grant  
1217 program from funds appropriated by the Legislature from the  
1218 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

1219                   (6) The Department of Health shall submit to the Joint  
1220 Legislative Budget Committee before October 1 of each year an  
1221 annual report containing, at a minimum, the number of submitted  
1222 applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each hospital  
1223 for both ICU beds and negative pressure beds, and the number of  
1224 ICU beds and negative pressure beds that were provided a  
1225 reimbursement.

1226                   (7) This act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

1227                   **SECTION 16.** Section 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1228 brought forward as follows:

1229                   49-2-131. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited  
1230 as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure  
1231 Grant Program Act of 2022."





1232           (2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi  
1233 Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality  
1234 and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which  
1235 municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not  
1236 regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply until  
1237 February 1, 2023, for reimbursable grants to make necessary  
1238 investments in water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to  
1239 be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal  
1240 Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue  
1241 Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to  
1242 municipalities and counties to be matched with the Coronavirus  
1243 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under  
1244 ARPA on a one-to-one matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal  
1245 Recovery Funds that a county transfers to a municipality or that a  
1246 county or municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated  
1247 by the Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one  
1248 matching basis. Municipalities that received less than One  
1249 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of  
1250 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a  
1251 two-to-one match only on the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery  
1252 Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA. The  
1253 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality shall only accept  
1254 two (2) rounds of submissions under the Mississippi Municipality  
1255 and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program. The second  
1256 round of submissions shall be the final round. The dollar amount



for professional fees that can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the total project cost.

(3) For purposes of this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MCWI Grant Program" means the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

(b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Local Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 603 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Quality.

(f) "Professional fees" means fees for the services of attorneys and engineering, surveying, and environmental studies.

(g) "Project" means the infrastructure improvements defined in an application that (i) complies with all requirements



1282 of ARPA, and (ii) is eligible for a grant award under this  
1283 section.

1284 (4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of  
1285 Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations  
1286 necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under  
1287 this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The  
1288 department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi  
1289 Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of  
1290 this section.

1291 (b) The Department of Health shall advise the  
1292 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such  
1293 rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking  
1294 Water Act.

1295 (5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated  
1296 to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of  
1297 Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding, including,  
1298 but not be limited to, the following:

1299 (a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

1300 (b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a  
1301 nonpoint source pollution management program established under the  
1302 Clean Water Act (CWA);

1303 (c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that  
1304 treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

1305 (d) Management and treatment of stormwater or  
1306 subsurface drainage water;



1307                   (e) Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures;  
1308                   (f) Development and implementation of a conservation  
1309 and management plan under the CWA;  
1310                   (g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth  
1311 in the CWA;  
1312                   (h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned  
1313 treatment works;  
1314                   (i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or  
1315 subsurface drainage water;  
1316                   (j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;  
1317                   (k) Transmission and distribution, including  
1318 improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in  
1319 infrastructure and lead service line replacements;  
1320                   (l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water  
1321 or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and  
1322 recovery system for water storage;  
1323                   (m) Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent  
1324 contaminants or equalize water demands;  
1325                   (n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of  
1326 systems;  
1327                   (o) New community water systems;  
1328                   (p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement  
1329 of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater  
1330 infrastructure;



1331           (q) Dam and reservoir rehabilitation, if the primary  
1332 purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and  
1333 project is necessary for the provision of drinking water;

1334           (r) Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible  
1335 under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure  
1336 Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act; and

1337           (s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or  
1338 stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,  
1339 regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
1340 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

1341           (6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or  
1342 public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service  
1343 Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this  
1344 section if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811,  
1345 Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to  
1346 the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them  
1347 under this section is in compliance with ARPA guidelines,  
1348 guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended  
1349 from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury  
1350 regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State  
1351 Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the  
1352 dates established by the department.

1353           (7) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
1354 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
1355 information as the department prescribes. Each application for



1356 grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a)  
1357 applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of  
1358 project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by  
1359 the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population,  
1360 median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates);  
1361 (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct  
1362 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be  
1363 received from the federal government, a certification that such  
1364 funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the  
1365 application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated  
1366 project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering  
1367 services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information  
1368 about status of obtaining any required permits.

1369 (8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking  
1370 the grant applications received, unless the Legislature funds all  
1371 eligible grant requests under the program. When applying the  
1372 ranking system, the department shall apply a greater weight to  
1373 projects that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits  
1374 if the department has deemed the project is ready to begin  
1375 construction within six (6) months. Projects that are included on  
1376 the municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide  
1377 applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional  
1378 consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system  
1379 shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the  
1380 environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed



1381 project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal  
1382 requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes  
1383 economic development; (d) the number of people served by the  
1384 project and the number of communities the project serves; (e)  
1385 impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened  
1386 communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure  
1387 funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the  
1388 grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind  
1389 cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's  
1390 long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and  
1391 maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to  
1392 initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed  
1393 project by the deadline specified by the United States Department  
1394 of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the  
1395 project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional  
1396 manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service  
1397 infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and  
1398 (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

1399       (9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on  
1400 addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community,  
1401 including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that  
1402 lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in  
1403 unsewered areas and providing regional development of  
1404 infrastructure to serve multiple communities.



1405           (10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are  
1406 received, unless the Legislature funds all eligible grant requests  
1407 under the program. The Mississippi Department of Environmental  
1408 Quality shall certify whether each project submitted is a  
1409 "necessary investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater  
1410 infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all  
1411 applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the  
1412 Treasury. The Department of Environmental Quality shall review  
1413 the lists of recommended water infrastructure projects and issue  
1414 its list of recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of  
1415 Health for its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between  
1416 the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental  
1417 Quality. All final awards shall be determined at the discretion  
1418 of the executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to  
1419 the City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the  
1420 Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury.  
1421 Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a  
1422 grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant.  
1423 Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department  
1424 obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department  
1425 is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed;  
1426 however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of  
1427 the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded  
1428 by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the  
1429 final round which shall occur no later than six (6) months from





the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater projects and stormwater projects. In the final round, any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

(11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound practices in the administration of the funds.

(12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations 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 American Rescue Plan of 2021.

(b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the



1454 requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a  
1455 portion of the funds received.

1456       (13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor,  
1457 Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen,  
1458 and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual  
1459 reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance  
1460 and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of  
1461 Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received,  
1462 the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded  
1463 to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each  
1464 applicant, and status of each applicant's project. The score of  
1465 the applications is not required if the award was provided in the  
1466 final round of grants and the Legislature provided the total  
1467 amount of funds for all eligible grant requests.

1468       (14) Grant funds shall be available under this section  
1469 through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure  
1470 deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs  
1471 later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for  
1472 which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by  
1473 December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact  
1474 an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds,  
1475 then the grant recipient will complete the project through other  
1476 funds.



(15) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality may retain an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its responsibilities under this section. This subsection shall stand repealed on January 1, 2026.

(17) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

**SECTION 17.** Section 57-123-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-123-1. The COVID-19 public health emergency has had a significant negative impact on Mississippi's tourism industry and its nonprofit museums. The funds provided in this article are necessary expenditures related to COVID-19, the purpose of which is to publicize the resumption of tourism activities and steps taken to ensure a safe tourism experience and to assist nonprofit museums with costs associated with cleaning, disinfection, social distancing measures and/or other health and safety measures necessary for such museums to reopen to the public.

**SECTION 18.** Section 57-123-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:



1501           57-123-3. (1) As used in this section, the following words  
1502 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section  
1503 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1504           (a) "Destination marketing organization" means special  
1505 local governmental units created by local and private laws of the  
1506 State of Mississippi for the purpose of tourism promotion, funded  
1507 by special local tax levies, and staffed with professionals  
1508 engaged in out-of-state tourism marketing and tourism product  
1509 development for municipalities, counties and/or regions.

1510           (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing  
1511 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and  
1512 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel  
1513 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public  
1514 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group  
1515 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to  
1516 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption  
1517 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section  
1518 57-123-1.

1519           (2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
1520 special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Tourism Recovery  
1521 Fund", which shall consist of funds made available by the  
1522 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
1523 designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be  
1524 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,  
1525 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended



1526 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall  
1527 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings  
1528 or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to  
1529 the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the  
1530 Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by  
1531 the Legislature, for the purposes provided in this section.  
1532 Monies in the fund shall be disbursed in compliance with the  
1533 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
1534 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
1535 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
1536 Relief Fund established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
1537 Economic Security Act. If on December 1, 2020, there are  
1538 unexpended monies in the fund, those monies shall be transferred  
1539 to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. Monies in the fund shall  
1540 be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as  
1541 follows:

1542                   (i) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
1543 (\$250,000.00) shall be disbursed to the Tate County Economic  
1544 Development Foundation for use by the foundation to assist the  
1545 Senatobia Chamber of Commerce Main Street program in paying the  
1546 costs of marketing activities;  
1547                   (ii) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
1548 (\$250,000.00) shall be disbursed to the Brookhaven Tourism Council  
1549 to assist in paying the costs of marketing activities; and



1550                   (iii) Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand  
1551 Dollars (\$13,500,000.00) shall be disbursed as provided in  
1552 paragraph (b) of this subsection (2) to assist destination  
1553 marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing activities.

1554                   (b) (i) The Department of Finance and Administration  
1555 shall determine, in conjunction with the destination marketing  
1556 organizations, the allocations of monies provided under paragraph  
1557 (a)(iii) of this subsection (2) as follows:

1558                               1. Not more than Nine Million Seven Hundred  
1559 Forty-four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars  
1560 (\$9,744,788.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
1561 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a  
1562 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to  
1563 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing  
1564 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the  
1565 2019 fiscal year, and

1566                               2. Not more than Three Million Seven Hundred  
1567 Fifty-five Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$3,755,213.00)  
1568 of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing  
1569 organizations based on the proportion that a destination marketing  
1570 organization's contribution toward total tourism visitors in the  
1571 state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors  
1572 Profile Report bears to all destination marketing organizations'  
1573 contributions toward total tourism visitors in the state according  
1574 to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report.



1575 However, a destination marketing organization shall not receive an  
1576 amount less than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) under  
1577 this item 2.

1578 (ii) Within fifteen (15) days of enactment, the  
1579 Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the  
1580 funds allocated under paragraph (b) (i) to eligible destination  
1581 marketing organizations. Before receiving funds under this  
1582 paragraph (b), a destination marketing organization must certify  
1583 to the Department of Finance and Administration that:

1584 1. The funds will only be used for marketing  
1585 activities, and

1586 2. The funds will be expended before December  
1587 30, 2020, unless otherwise authorized by federal law or guidance.

1588 (iii) Destination marketing organizations  
1589 receiving funds under this paragraph (b) shall keep and maintain  
1590 records related to expenditures. Destination marketing  
1591 organizations receiving funds under this paragraph (b) shall also  
1592 track impacts of their marketing activities through special levy  
1593 tax receipts, hotel occupancy indicators, other tourism industry  
1594 metrics, and analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate.  
1595 Such destination marketing organizations shall provide quarterly  
1596 reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing  
1597 activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the  
1598 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
1599 Representatives and the Department of Audit.



1600                   (iv) Subject to applicable purchasing laws,  
1601 destination marketing organizations will give preference, when  
1602 available and practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any  
1603 new contracts entered into for marketing activities.

1604           (3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the  
1605 Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the  
1606 implementation of this section.

1607           (4) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
1608 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
1609 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
1610 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the CARES Act (a)  
1611 determines that the Department of Finance and Administration or  
1612 recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds  
1613 appropriated to the Department of Finance and Administration under  
1614 this article for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
1615 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
1616 may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department  
1617 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
1618 Relief Fund established by the CARES Act, and (b) the State of  
1619 Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of  
1620 those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
1621 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the Department of  
1622 Finance and Administration or recipient, then the Department of  
1623 Finance and Administration or recipient, as the case may be, that  
1624 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 19.** Section 57-123-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-123-5. (1) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Nonprofit Museums Recovery Fund", which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes provided in this section. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. If on December 1, 2020, there are unexpended monies in the fund, those monies shall be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.



1650 Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance  
1651 and Administration to assist nonprofit museums in paying costs  
1652 associated with cleaning, disinfection, social distancing measures  
1653 and/or other health and safety measures necessary in order to  
1654 reopen to the public due to the Coronavirus 2019. The Department  
1655 of Finance and Administration shall take into consideration the  
1656 attendance, annual revenue and operating expenses when allocating  
1657 such monies under this section.

1658 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have  
1659 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

1660 **SECTION 20.** Section 57-123-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1661 brought forward as follows:

1662 57-123-7. (1) As used in this section, the following words  
1663 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section  
1664 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1665 (a) "Destination marketing organization" means:

1666 (i) Special local governmental units created by  
1667 local and private laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose  
1668 of tourism promotion, funded by special local tax levies, and  
1669 staffed with professionals engaged in out-of-state tourism  
1670 marketing and tourism product development for municipalities,  
1671 counties and/or regions; or

1672 (ii) Publicly-funded local organizations that  
1673 engage in out-of-state tourism marketing and tourism development  
1674 for municipalities, counties and/or regions.



1675           (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing  
1676 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and  
1677 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel  
1678 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public  
1679 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group  
1680 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to  
1681 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption  
1682 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1  
1683 of Chapter 399, Laws of 2022.

1684           (2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
1685 establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist  
1686 destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing  
1687 activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the  
1688 Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall  
1689 be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions  
1690 on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
1691 Fund for the program established under this section. The  
1692 Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in  
1693 conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the  
1694 allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as  
1695 follows:

1696                       (i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred  
1697 Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars  
1698 (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
1699 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a



1700 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to  
1701 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing  
1702 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the  
1703 2019 fiscal year, and  
1704                               (ii) Not more than Twenty Million Five Hundred  
1705 Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars  
1706 (\$20,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
1707 marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination  
1708 marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism  
1709 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit  
1710 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination  
1711 marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism  
1712 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit  
1713 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination  
1714 marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than Two  
1715 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under this  
1716 subparagraph (ii).

1717                               (b) Within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 2022, the  
1718 Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the  
1719 funds allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to  
1720 eligible destination marketing organizations. Before receiving  
1721 funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing  
1722 organization must certify to the Department of Finance and  
1723 Administration that:



1724                   (i) The funds will only be used for marketing  
1725 activities, and

1726                   (ii) The destination marketing organization will  
1727 comply with applicable federal and state regulations and  
1728 requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and

1729                   (iii) The destination marketing organization will  
1730 obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all  
1731 funds by December 31, 2026.

1732                   (c) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds  
1733 under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related  
1734 to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving  
1735 funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their  
1736 marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel  
1737 occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and  
1738 analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such  
1739 destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual  
1740 reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing  
1741 activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the  
1742 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
1743 Representatives and the Department of Audit.

1744                   (d) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination  
1745 marketing organizations will give preference, when available and  
1746 practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts  
1747 entered into for marketing activities.



(3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

**SECTION 21.** Section 57-123-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-123-9. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing assistance to Mississippi nonprofit museums as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section to nonprofit museums located in municipalities with a population of not more than fifty thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial census to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other forms of promoting and publicizing nonprofit museums and museum related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades and improvements to such museums for health and safety purposes related to the Coronavirus Disease 19. Of the monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section, twenty-five percent (25%) of such monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for assistance of less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00); thirty-five percent (35%) of such



1773 monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for  
1774 assistance of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or more  
1775 but less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) and  
1776 forty percent (40%) of such monies shall be used to provide  
1777 assistance for requests for assistance of Seven Hundred Thousand  
1778 Dollars (\$700,000.00) or more. A museum desiring assistance under  
1779 this section must submit an application to the Department of  
1780 Finance and Administration. The application must include a  
1781 description of the purposes for which the assistance is requested,  
1782 the amount of the assistance requested and any other information  
1783 required by the department.

1784 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have  
1785 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

1786 **SECTION 22.** Section 57-123-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1787 brought forward as follows:

1788 57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
1789 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to  
1790 Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section.  
1791 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration  
1792 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all  
1793 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the  
1794 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established  
1795 under this section.

1796 (a) For the first round of grants, the Department of  
1797 Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section



1798 to Mississippi Main Street Association to be used for the purpose  
1799 of making revitalization grants to Mississippi communities as  
1800 follows:

1801 2020	Number of	Grant	Total
1802 Population	Communities	Amount	Grants
1803 More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
1804 Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
1805 Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

1806 (b) For the second round of grants, the Department of  
1807 Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section  
1808 to Mississippi Main Street Association to be used for the purpose  
1809 of making revitalization grants to Mississippi communities as  
1810 follows:

1811 2020	Number of	Grant	Total
1812 Population	Communities	Amount	Grants
1813 More than 25,000	8	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 544,000.00
1814 Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 61,400.00	\$ 2,456,000.00
1815 Total			\$ 3,000,000.00

1816 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have  
1817 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

1818 **SECTION 23.** Section 57-123-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1819 brought forward as follows:

1820 57-123-51. The COVID-19 public health emergency has had a  
1821 significant negative impact on Mississippi's tourism industry.  
1822 American Rescue Plan Act funds are specifically targeted toward





1823 assisting in the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors.  
1824 The funds provided in this article are necessary expenditures  
1825 related to COVID-19, the purpose of which is to publicize the  
1826 resumption of tourism activities and steps taken to ensure a safe  
1827 tourism experience and to support the travel and hospitality  
1828 economy of Mississippi. It is the intention of the Legislature  
1829 that the activities defined in this article will address the  
1830 negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on the tourism, travel, and  
1831 hospitality industries as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act  
1832 of 2021 and subsequent guidance issued by the United States  
1833 Department of Treasury.

1834       **SECTION 24.** Section 57-123-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1835 brought forward as follows:

1836       57-123-53. (1) As used in this section, the following words  
1837 and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section  
1838 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1839               (a) "Destination marketing organization" means an  
1840 organization that received funds under Section 57-123-7,  
1841 Mississippi Code of 1972.

1842               (b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing  
1843 and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and  
1844 printed media, including travel publications, production, travel  
1845 market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public  
1846 relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group  
1847 tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to



1848 execute marketing activities related to the business disruption  
1849 effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section  
1850 57-123-51.

1851       (2)   (a)   The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
1852 establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist  
1853 destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing  
1854 activities as provided in this section and to assist certain  
1855 museums as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the  
1856 Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall  
1857 be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions  
1858 on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
1859 Fund for the program established under this section. Monies in  
1860 the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and  
1861 Administration as follows:

1862               (i)   Twenty-one Million Dollars (\$21,000,000.00)  
1863 shall be disbursed as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection  
1864 (2) to assist destination marketing organizations in paying costs  
1865 for marketing activities; and

1866               (ii)   One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be  
1867 disbursed to the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi, in Cleveland,  
1868 Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with advertising  
1869 and other forms of promoting and publicizing the museum and museum  
1870 related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades  
1871 and improvements to the museum for health and safety purposes  
1872 related to the Coronavirus Disease 19.



1873                   (b)   (i)   The Department of Finance and Administration  
1874 shall determine, in conjunction with the destination marketing  
1875 organizations, the allocation of funds under paragraph (a)(i) of  
1876 this subsection (2) and shall disburse funds as follows:

1877                               1.   Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred  
1878 Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars  
1879 (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
1880 marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a  
1881 destination marketing organization in an amount equal to  
1882 seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing  
1883 organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the  
1884 2019 fiscal year, and

1885                               2.   Not more than Eleven Million Five Hundred  
1886 Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars  
1887 (\$11,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination  
1888 marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination  
1889 marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism  
1890 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit  
1891 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination  
1892 marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism  
1893 visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit  
1894 Mississippi Visitors Profile Report.   However, a destination  
1895 marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than One  
1896 Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) under this item  
1897 2.



1898                   (ii) Destination marketing organizations receiving  
1899 funds under this paragraph (b) shall provide details related to  
1900 their planned expenditures to the Department of Finance and  
1901 Administration prior to funds being disbursed. If the plans  
1902 submitted by the destination marketing organizations include  
1903 activities described in this section as eligible under this  
1904 program, the department shall approve the plan within thirty (30)  
1905 days of receipt of the plans.

1906                   (iii) Before receiving funds under this paragraph  
1907 (b), a destination marketing organization must certify to the  
1908 Department of Finance and Administration that:

1909                               1. The funds will only be used for marketing  
1910 activities, and

1911                               2. The destination marketing organization  
1912 will comply with applicable federal and state regulations and  
1913 requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and

1914                               3. The destination marketing organization  
1915 will obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all  
1916 funds by December 31, 2026.

1917                   (iv) Destination marketing organizations receiving  
1918 funds under this paragraph (b) shall keep and maintain records  
1919 related to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations  
1920 receiving funds under this paragraph (b) shall also track impacts  
1921 of their marketing activities through special levy tax receipts,  
1922 hotel occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and



analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Department of Audit.

(v) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination marketing organizations will give preference, when available and practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts entered into for marketing activities.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

**SECTION 25.** Section 57-123-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-123-55. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to certain entities as provided in this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) under this section to NarraTrip LLC, to use to assist municipalities in the state in paying costs to participate in and be promoted as part of the business's mobile apps geared toward promoting tourism in the state, including, but not limited to, providing information regarding historic sites, roadside markers and dining, music and art experiences.



(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

**SECTION 26.** Section 65-1-141.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

65-1-141.3. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "ARPA-MDOT Maintenance Project Fund", which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation for eligible Surface Transportation maintenance projects included in the Maintenance Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by, amended by, or reissued by the Mississippi Transportation Commission under the authority of Section 65-1-141. The Department of Transportation may escalate its budget upon receiving Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.



The Department of Transportation shall determine if a project is eligible based upon 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, including, but not limited to, Federal Register Volume 88, Issue 181, September 20, 2023, which allows for Surface Transportation projects.

**SECTION 27.** Section 4 of Chapter 509, Laws of 2024, is amended as follows:

Section 4. (1) The Legislature, based upon current United States Treasury guidance, has determined that all Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

(2) (a) In order to meet the obligation deadline set forth by the United States Treasury, the State Fiscal Officer shall determine the amount of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to various agencies that will not be obligated as of October 1, 2024.

(b) In making the determination required by this section, the State Fiscal Officer shall use the guidance released by the United States Treasury to determine if the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds are not obligated.



(3) If at any time during the period from passage of this act to October 1, 2024, a state agency determines that Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds will not be obligated by October 1, 2024, the state agency shall notify the State Fiscal Officer.

(4) If at any time the State Fiscal Officer determines that funds will be unobligated as of October 1, 2024, under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the State Treasurer, in coordination with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer these funds to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 682111300) by no later than October 5, 2024. The State Fiscal Officer may retain an amount not to exceed the lesser of the estimated cost of ARPA administration or Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to be utilized for administrative and reporting costs. No later than October 6, 2024, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the funds to the ARPA-MDOT Maintenance Project Fund.

(5) If at any time the State Fiscal Officer determines that funds are deobligated after October 5, 2024, the State Fiscal Officer, in conjunction with the State Treasurer, shall transfer the deobligated funds to the ARPA-MDOT Maintenance Project Fund.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**





1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-104-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
2 OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY  
3 FUND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD  
4 SECTION 27-104-323, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE  
5 CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
6 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-104-325,  
7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE CORONAVIRUS STATE  
8 FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
9 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-106-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
10 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SKILLED NURSING HOME AND HOSPITAL  
11 NURSES RETENTION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
12 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-153-57,  
13 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ACCELERATE  
14 MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
15 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-153-59,  
16 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH  
17 SCIENCES TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
18 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-153-205,  
19 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ACCELERATE  
20 MISSISSIPPI NURSING/ALLIED HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE  
21 OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-153-207,  
22 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ACCELERATE  
23 MISSISSIPPI PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP START-UP GRANT  
24 PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD  
25 SECTION 37-153-209, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED  
26 THE MISSISSIPPI ALLIED HEALTH COLLEGE AND CAREER NAVIGATOR GRANT  
27 PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD  
28 SECTION 37-185-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE  
29 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE  
30 OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-185-31,  
31 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI  
32 ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
33 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
34 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-3-16.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
35 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS  
36 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
37 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-9-371, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
38 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT  
39 PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD  
40 SECTION 41-139-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE  
41 COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI LOCAL PROVIDER INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM, FOR  
42 THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION  
43 41-14-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE COVID-19  
44 HOSPITAL EXPANDED CAPACITY PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
45 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 49-2-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
46 1972, WHICH CREATED THE MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER  
47 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
48 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 57-123-1 THROUGH 57-123-11



49 AND SECTIONS 57-123-51 THROUGH 57-123-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
50 1972, WHICH CREATED PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT TOURISM ACTIVITIES,  
51 DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFIT MUSEUMS AND THE  
52 MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
53 AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 65-1-141.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
54 OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE ARPA-MDOT MAINTENANCE PROJECT FUND, FOR  
55 THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 4, CHAPTER  
56 509, LAWS OF 2024, TO REQUIRE THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER  
57 CERTAIN DEOBLIGATED CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE  
58 ARPA-MDOT MAINTENANCE PROJECT FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

