

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 3013**

**BY: Committee**

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

5       **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
8 expenses of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
10 June 30, 2026.....\$       1,800,000.00.

11       **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Employment  
14 Security, or its successor, for the purpose of defraying the



expenses incurred by said department for the fiscal year beginning  
July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 135,102,057.00.

**SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 389

Time-Limited: 64

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds  
appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi  
Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025  
headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
Mississippi State Personnel Board.



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

48           Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
49   the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
50   allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
51   Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
52   approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
53   Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
54   approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
55   without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
56   appropriated level.

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

61           None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
62   violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A



relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following sum shall be derived from money in the Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 USCA Section 1103), to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund and used by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the following purposes:

(a) Payment of various One-Stop Administration expenses that support the service delivery of employment and workforce information services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Staff for delivery of reemployment services to UI claimants, including group job search assistance and staff-assisted referrals to jobs.

(ii) Equipment and resources for resource rooms.

(iii) Payment for rent, utilities and maintenance of facilities, including common spaces such as resource rooms, reception areas, conference areas, etc.

(iv) Payment of shared costs for operation of local One-Stop Career Centers, including payment for One-Stop operators.



87 (v) Purchase of computer equipment, network  
88 equipment, telecommunications equipment, application development  
89 and other technology resources.

90 (vi) Training, technical assistance, and  
91 professional development of staff who deliver employment and  
92 workforce information services.

93 (vii) Access Improvement costs for individuals  
94 with disabilities, including remodeling or retrofitting One-Stop  
95 Career Centers and purchasing appropriate software, hardware,  
96 furniture and supplies.

97 (b) Administration of the Unemployment Compensation  
98 (UC) law and its public employment service (ES) offices. This  
99 includes, but is not limited to, the following uses:

100 (i) ES and UI automation. This includes  
101 purchases, modifications, or automation of computer-related  
102 systems and related costs.

103 (ii) UI and ES Performance Improvement costs.

104 (iii) Fraud and Abuse Reduction costs.

105 (iv) UI Claims Filing and Payment Methods  
106 Improvement costs.

107 (v) Under the direction of the Bureau of Building,  
108 Grounds and Real Property Management to acquire lands and  
109 construct buildings thereon or improve existing buildings to be  
110 used as offices. The funds in this section are authorized for the  
111 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....



112 .....\$ 33,047,000.00.

113       The funds authorized in this section shall be requisitioned  
114 by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the  
115 Unemployment Trust Fund maintained by the Secretary of the  
116 Treasury of the United States as needed for the payment of  
117 obligations incurred under this appropriation, and such monies  
118 shall be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund  
119 in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi  
120 Code of 1972.

121       **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
122 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
123 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
124 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
125 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
126 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
127 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
128 made without competitive bids.

129       **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, a sum not  
130 to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is made  
131 available for Pathways2Possibilities from the Mississippi Works  
132 Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of  
133 1972.

134       **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
135 act, an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand  
136 Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is authorized for the Mississippi



Integrated Education and Workforce State Longitudinal Data System  
(SLDS).

**SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) is provided to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the purpose of providing administrative support to the Office of Workforce Development.

**SECTION 9.** In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Workforce Development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
.....\$ 19,617,015.00.

**SECTION 10.** In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available to the Office of Workforce Development for support of workforce programs, grants, and other similar activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 19,000,000.00.

**SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 9, Four Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Fifteen Dollars (\$4,117,015.00) is authorized for defraying the operating expenses of the Office of Workforce Development.



162       **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 9 of this  
163 act, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided to  
164 the Office of Workforce Development for recurring costs of the  
165 Information Management and Financial Tracking System to enhance  
166 the tracking of funding provided for workforce development and  
167 provide data outcomes reports on active workforce training  
168 programs and participants.

169       **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 9, Fifteen  
170 Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) is authorized for operating the  
171 Career Coaching Program at the Office of Workforce Development.

172       **SECTION 14.** Unless otherwise specifically appropriated for  
173 that purpose by the Legislature, none of the funds authorized in  
174 Section 10 of this act shall be used for operational expenditures  
175 of the Office of Workforce Development except for reasonable  
176 administrative fees for grant oversight as provided by law.

177       **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 10 of this  
178 act, the Office of Workforce Development is authorized to expend  
179 up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Mississippi  
180 Office of Workforce Development Fund, collected pursuant to  
181 Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

182       **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
183 of Section 10 of this act, the Office of Workforce Development is  
184 authorized to expend up to Fifteen Million Dollars  
185 (\$15,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Works Fund collected  
186 pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.





187           **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
188 Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the Office of  
189 Workforce Development shall maintain complete accounting and  
190 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
191 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
192 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
193 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that each  
194 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to  
195 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
196 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
197 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

198           **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 10, Eight  
199 Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00), or so much thereof  
200 as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the  
201 State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created  
202 in Section 57-1-631, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a  
203 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are  
204 provided to expedite the services needed for Project Poppy.

205           **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 11 of this  
206 act, funds are provided to the Office of Workforce Development to  
207 coordinate workforce development programs at the Mississippi  
208 Department of Corrections pursuant to Section 47-5-541,  
209 Mississippi code of 1972.

210           **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
211 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with



212 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
213 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
214 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
215 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
216 actions contrary to this provision.

217       **SECTION 21.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
218 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
219 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
220 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
221 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
222 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

223       **SECTION 22.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
224 and after July 1, 2025.

