

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1770

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

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

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

5       **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance  
8 of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the  
9 provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026  
11 .....\$       10,946,838.00.

12       **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
14 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library  
15 Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by  
16 or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of  
17 defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year  
18 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
19 .....\$       4,863,028.00.

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

22 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

23 Permanent: 48

24 Time-Limited: 1

25 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
26 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
27 Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds  
28 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
29 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi  
30 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
31 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
32 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
33 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
34 2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025  
35 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
36 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
37 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
38 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
39 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
40 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
41 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

42 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
43 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
44 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
45 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 do  
46 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
47 the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 projected cost exceeds the

annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

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

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in 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.** Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30.

**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting

74 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
75 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
76 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
77 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
78 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to  
79 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
80 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
81 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

82       **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
83 Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred  
84 Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the  
85 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
86 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

87       **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three  
88 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) or so much thereof as  
89 may be necessary, is derived from the Education Enhancement Fund  
90 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of  
91 1972, for MAGNOLIA.

92       **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no  
93 less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
94 (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

95       **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
96 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
97 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
98 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
99 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,

100 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
101 performance measures provided below:

102 FY2026

103 Performance Measures Target

104 Administrative Services

105 Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved 1,150

106 Library Services

107 Number of Continuing Education Workshops

108 Held per Year 40

109 Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff 175

110 Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille,

111 Audio, Etc 2,500

112 Number of Children Participating in

113 Statewide Summer Library Prg 100,000

114 Number of Items Borrowed and Loaned on

115 the Interlibrary Loan System 10,000

116 Number of Items Available for Use

117 Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan

118 System 5,000,000

119 Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA 35,000,000

120 Number of Items Available for Use at MLC

121 (Primary Resource Library) 100,000

122 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets

123 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the

124 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget

125 Committee for Fiscal Year 2027.

126       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Four Million  
127 Eight Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars  
128 (\$4,802,939.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for  
129 all full-time library staff members in each public library in  
130 Mississippi.

131       **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
132 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
133 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
134 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
135 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
136 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
137 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
138 made without competitive bids.

139       **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
140 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
141 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
142 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
143 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
144 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
145 actions contrary to this provision.

146       **SECTION 13.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
147 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
148 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
149 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
150 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
151 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

152       **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
153 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed from and after  
154 June 30, 2025.

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

1       AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL  
3 YEAR 2026.

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