

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1743

BY: Committee

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

SECTION 1. 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 State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 6,854,812.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 62

Time-Limited: 0



15 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
16 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
17 Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds
18 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
19 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi
20 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
21 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
22 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
23 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
24 2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025
25 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
26 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
27 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
28 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
29 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
30 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
31 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

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



39 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
40 essential for the agency.

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

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

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

58 **SECTION 3.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
59 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
60 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
61 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
62 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,



63 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
64 performance measures provided below:

65		FY2026
66	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
67	Training	
68	Number of Students Trained	8,100
69	Average Cost per Student Trained	1,151.60

70 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
71 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
72 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
73 Committee for Fiscal Year 2027.

74 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
75 State Fire Academy shall maintain complete accounting and
76 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
77 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
78 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
79 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
80 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to
81 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
82 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
83 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

84 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
85 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
86 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
87 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,



quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Fire Academy for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in House Bill 1798, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,825,000.00.

This re-appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

a) Federal Grant Match to Purchase Vehicles..\$ 75,000.00.

b) Replacement of Heat Building Components...\$ 1,750,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds



113 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
114 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
115 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

116 **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
117 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
118 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
119 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
120 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
121 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

122 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
123 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed from and after
124 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 FROM GENERAL FUND IN THE STATE
2 TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE
3 FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

