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To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND
3 PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the
8 Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
11\$ 30,185,481.00.

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

14 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

15 Permanent: 17

16 Time-Limited: 0

17 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
18 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.



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22 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

23 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
24 Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority shall maintain complete
25 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
26 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
27 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
28 Year 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
29 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be
30 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
31 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
32 provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

33 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
34 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
35 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
36 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
37 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
38 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
39 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
40 made without competitive bids.

41 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
42 Section 1 of this act, Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) is
43 provided for capital projects.



44 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Fifty Thousand
45 Dollars (\$50,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding
46 overtime, callback or standby pay.

47 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
48 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
49 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
50 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
51 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
52 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
53 actions contrary to this provision.

54 **SECTION 8.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
55 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
56 or officers, in the manner provided by law.

57 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2025.

