

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk,
Parks, Butler, DeBar, DeLano

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2001

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT
3 UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
7 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of
8 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose
9 of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds
10 and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher
11 learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State
12 University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State
13 University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley
14 State University, University of Mississippi, and University of
15 Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
16 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 376,509,458.00.

17 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
18 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from



19 any federal, student fees or other special source funds not
20 otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State
21 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of
22 education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta
23 State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State
24 University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley
25 State University, University of Mississippi, and University of
26 Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
27 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,092,141,241.00.

28 **SECTION 3.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
29 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers
30 Endowment interest fund for the purposes as set out by the courts
31 in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
32 ending June 30, 2026:

33	Alcorn State University.....\$	424,500.00.
34	Jackson State University.....\$	651,000.00.
35	Mississippi Valley State University.....\$	<u>424,500.00.</u>
36	TOTAL:.....\$	1,500,000.00.

37 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
38 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall
39 allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate
40 of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time
41 equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be
42 determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more
43 of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers'



44 classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2)
45 or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall
46 be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers
47 based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

48 The board of trustees shall ensure that the off-campus
49 centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost
50 prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the
51 Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus
52 centers with only actual direct charges.

53 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
54 act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars
55 (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the
56 Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

57 Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State
58 Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy
59 for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a
60 competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and
61 universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted
62 and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school
63 student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi.
64 The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the
65 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall
66 be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

67 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
68 act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred



69 Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses
70 of the Teacher Corps.

71 **SECTION 7.** It is the intent of the Legislature that no
72 general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to
73 replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being
74 used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and
75 which are withdrawn and no longer available.

76 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
77 act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

78 (a) For Mississippi State University as interest
79 on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of
80 university land, the sum of.....\$ 14,387.00.

81 (b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on
82 original seminary fund, the sum of.....\$ 32,643.00.

83 (c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on
84 1904 land grant fund, the sum of.....\$ 9,965.00.

85 (d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on
86 LaBauve Fund, the sum of.....\$ 1,420.00.

87 (e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on
88 funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land
89 donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United
90 States government, the sum of.....\$ 9,389.00.

91 (f) For Alcorn State University as interest on land
92 script and land sales funds, the sum of.....\$ 12,592.00.



93 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
94 act, the following amount shall be derived from Education
95 Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
96 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

97 On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University,
98 Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi
99 State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi
100 Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University
101 of Southern Mississippi for the sum of.....\$ 72,873,070.00.

102 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
103 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall
104 first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray
105 the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported
106 institutions of higher learning.

107 **SECTION 11.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
108 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or
109 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board
110 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of
111 the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of
112 the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi
113 Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or
114 regulations that implement state or federal law.

115 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
116 budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be
117 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format



and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

SECTION 14. No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

SECTION 15. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 16. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of



the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2026
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	13,651
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the STEM Field	3,326
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Health Field	786
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Education Field	1,108
Number of undergraduate degrees awarded per 100 undergraduate full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment.	20.10
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded Per 100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	45.80
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,733
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	9,461



Research

Number of Patents Obtained by

Mississippi Public Universities in

Emerging Technologies 25

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

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch.....\$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 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 21. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center....\$ 485,000.00.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center.....\$ 155,000.00.

SECTION 23. None of the State General Funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 24. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation.....\$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.



SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 27. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta Center for Culture and Learning.....\$ 100,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

SECTION 28. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program.....
.....\$ 90,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's university and college students to gain real-life experience working in Washington, D.C., and through attending short course



Academic Seminars. The funding will provide scholarships at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations and Universities and Colleges Committees.

SECTION 29. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.



266 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
267 act, the amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars
268 (\$1,100,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the
269 DuBard School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

270 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
271 of Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Seven
272 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$266,750.00) is provided for the Southwest
273 Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State
274 University.

275 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
276 act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred
277 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer
278 Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for
279 Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology
280 initiatives.

281 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
282 act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for
283 the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

284 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
285 act, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) is provided for
286 the T.K. Martin Center to study the IDEA Part C Early Intervention
287 System in Mississippi and Mississippi's Laws Regarding Early
288 Intervention, as established by Senate Bill 2167, 2023 Regular
289 Session.



290 **SECTION 37.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
291 Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water
292 or sewer service to any existing, privately owned structures that
293 presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley
294 State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State
295 University is authorized to charge a flat or metered rate for the
296 service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not
297 provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately owned
298 structures.

299 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
300 act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00),
301 shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund
302 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi
303 Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the
304 Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to Alcorn State
305 University for STEM related programs as determined by the
306 university.

307 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
308 act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much as necessary,
309 shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund
310 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi
311 Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the
312 Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the IHL research
313 institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and
314 entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department



of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. It is the intent of the legislature that funds can be used for both research and upgrades to the physical space in order to perform research and entrepreneurship.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2023 Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom Fund, as created in Section 37-115-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to support the operations of the Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom ("Center") at the University of Mississippi, subject to the conditions that the Center shall:

(a) Promote scholarly research and civic education by exploring the principles of freedom expressed in our country's founding documents;

(b) Support individual faculty members at institutions of higher learning who have been named Declaration Fellows and who actively participate in the Center's network of scholars and further the mission and principles of the Center;

(c) Support classes, activities, and internships that advance students' understanding of American freedom at both the secondary and post-secondary level of education, including support for the operation of any Freedom Studies minor that may be



available for academic credit at the University of Mississippi, as well as support for all Freedom Studies courses belonging to this minor; and

(d) Continue to be governed and advised in accordance with the Center governing structure described in the last paragraph of the Center mission statement signed by the Chancellor, Provost and founding Director of the Center and received in the Office of the Chancellor on March 1, 2023.

SECTION 41. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 19,616,614.00.

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

(a) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the operations of the Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics.....\$ 969,000.00.

(b) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the Healthcare Innovation Tech Hub Infrastructure, Biomedical Innovation, Nano-Bio Immuno Engineering Consortium (NIEC), Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.....\$ 3,420,000.00.



365 (c) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to
366 the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center.....\$ 9,000,000.00.

367 (d) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses
368 related to the expansion of the nursing program.....
369\$ 2,472,614.00.

370 (e) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related
371 to the repair, renovation, expansion, construction, furnishing and
372 equipping of the Davey L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center.....
373\$ 3,000,000.00.

374 (f) IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology
375 transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to
376 the Department of Defense and related federal research in
377 Mississippi:

378 Jackson State University.....\$ 250,000.00

379 University of Mississippi.....\$ 430,000.00

380 University of Southern Mississippi.....\$ 75,000.00

381 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
382 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
383 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
384 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
385 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
386 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

387 **SECTION 42.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
388 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
389 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of



390 Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
391 of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the
392 Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau
393 of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in
394 Senate Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year
395 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
396\$ 537,238.00.

397 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
398 the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and
399 renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as
400 allocated herein:

401 Mississippi Valley State University.....\$ 537,238.00.

402 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
403 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
404 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
405 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
406 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
407 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

408 **SECTION 43.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
409 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
410 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of
411 Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
412 of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the
413 Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), as authorized in Senate



Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 5,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of funds for the University of Southern
Mississippi Ocean Enterprise - Gulfport.

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

SECTION 44. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education
Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions
of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the
expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses
of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate
Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 8,441,221.00.

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

(a) Delta State University - Commercial Aviation Department
to defray expenses related to the construction and/or repair and
renovation of hangers and classrooms, the purchase of flight



438 simulators, training equipment, and the purchase and/or
439 refurbishment of aircraft.....\$ 1,729,859.00.

440 (b) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related
441 to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence
442 hall.....\$ 743,167.00.

443 (c) Mississippi Valley State University to defray expenses
444 related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and
445 renovation projects.....\$ 718,195.00.

446 (d) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses
447 related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and
448 renovation projects.....\$ 3,000,000.00.

449 (e) Alcorn State University to defray expenses related to
450 capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects
451\$ 2,250,000.00.

452 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
453 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
454 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
455 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
456 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
457 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

458 **SECTION 45.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
459 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
460 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of
461 Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
462 of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the



463 Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau
464 of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in
465 Senate Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year
466 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
467\$ 6,774,948.00.

468 This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the
469 funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the
470 Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

471 Alcorn State University to defray expenses
472 related to repair and renovation upgrades
473 to existing facilities.....\$ 2,500,000.00.

474 Delta State University to defray expenses
475 related to renovations and upgrading of
476 campus buildings.....\$ 814,948.00.

477 MS University of Women to defray expenses
478 related to general construction and/or
479 repair and renovation projects.....\$ 3,160,000.00.

480 MS University of Women to defray expenses
481 related to the Painter Hall
482 renovation.....\$ 300,000.00.

483 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
484 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
485 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
486 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the



previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 46. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 7,769,112.00.

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

Delta State University for planning,
designing, renovating, constructing,
furnishing, and equipping Ward Hall
Dormitory and Cleveland Hall.....\$ 6,000,000.00.

Delta State University to defray the costs
associated with designing, constructing,
maintaining, and operating a model rural
education school in a partnership with
the Cleveland School District to serve
PreK through sixth-grade students from
Bolivar County\$ 1,769,112.00.

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

SECTION 47. (1) It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning shall:

(a) Report, by July 1, 2025, the methodology of and basis for the calculation and distribution of general fund and special fund monies, including any federal monies, appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for fiscal year 2020 thru fiscal year 2025 for the purpose of support of each of the eight IHL institutions.

(b) Report, by December 1, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning's analysis and recommendations to address the population shifts within the state, the declining national birth rate, and the pending enrollment cliff's impact on all IHL institutions.

(c) Report, by December 1, 2025, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning's analysis and recommendations to address graduation rate disparities and how to improve graduation rates across all IHL institutions.

(2) The reports required by this section shall be made to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Chairs of



the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and the
Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 48. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of reauthorizing the
expenditure of General Funds for the T.K. Martin Center to study
the IDEA Part C Early Intervention System in Mississippi and
Mississippi's Laws Regarding Early Intervention, as authorized in
Senate Bill 3006, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026...\$ 100,000.00.

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

SECTION 49. 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 50. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



562 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
563 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
564 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
565 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

566 **SECTION 51.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
567 and after July 1, 2025.

