

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk,
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2007

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE COLLEGE OF
3 VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR FISCAL
4 YEAR 2026.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
9 of State Institutions of Higher Learning to be used for the
10 operation of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi
11 State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
12 ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 20,566,652.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
15 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
16 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the College of
17 Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
19\$ 52,903,069.00.



SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be 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 6. 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	
Percent of Year 4 DVM Students Passing	



45	NAVLE at Graduation	95.00
46	Percent of DVM Graduates Reporting	
47	Employment in the Field within 12 Months	
48	of Graduation	95.00
49	Research	
50	Number of Grants/Contracts Awarded	55
51	Percent of Graduate Students Reporting	
52	Employment in the Field within 12 months	
53	of Graduation	95.00
54	Pub-service - Animal Health Ctr	
55	Number of Patient Visits to AHC (AHC	
56	Caseload Managed)	40,000
57	Percent of Client Satisfaction Based on	
58	Surveys	98.00
59	Percent of Referring Veterinarian	
60	Satisfaction Based on Surveys	95.00
61	Pub-service - Diagnostic Lab	
62	Number of Lab Accessions (Test Requests)	31,500
63	Vet Research & Diagnostic Lab	
64	Number of Diagnostic Tests Performed	345,000
65	Academic Support	
66	Percent of Vet Campers & Parents	
67	Indicating "Willing to Recommend" on	
68	Satisfaction Surveys	98.00
69	Percent of Vet Campers & Parents	



70 Indicating "Willing to Recommend" on
71 Satisfaction Surveys 98.00
72 Operation & Maintenance
73 Number of Square Feet O&M/Custodial Services 500,237
74 Cost per Square Foot Maintenance &
75 Custodial Services 10.00

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

80 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
81 act, the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
82 (\$125,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of testing,
83 programming, and personnel-related expenses for Chronic Waste
84 Disease.

85 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
86 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
87 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
88 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
89 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
90 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
91 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
92 made without competitive bids.

93 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
94 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with



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

100 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
101 act, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) is hereby
102 provided for scholarships for the Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural
103 Veterinarians Scholarship Program as prescribed in Section
104 37-113-71, Mississippi Code of 1972.

105 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Seventeen
106 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,500,000.00) is provided
107 from the Mississippi State University Veterinary School Fund as
108 created in Section 37-113-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
109 purpose of paying costs associated with the design, construction,
110 renovation, repairs, and equipping of the Wise Center.

111 **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
112 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
113 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
114 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
115 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
116 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

117 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
118 and after July 1, 2025.

