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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2009

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR
3 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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
10 June 30, 2026.....\$ 189,281,253.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
18\$ 1,728,962,368.00.



19 **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for
20 expenditure under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act,
21 the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the
22 School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of
23 Nursing, the School of Health Related Professions, the School of
24 Population Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center
25 Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall
26 prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of
27 expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at
28 the beginning of the legislative session.

29 **SECTION 4.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it
30 is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of
31 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting
32 qualified registered nurses.

33 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
34 act, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2 of this
35 act, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any
36 state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the
37 extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision
38 reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided.
39 Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency,
40 institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an
41 invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90)
42 days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90)
43 days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that



44 agency, institution or political subdivision until all outstanding
45 charges have been paid.

46 **SECTION 6.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
47 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
48 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
49 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

50 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
51 University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for
52 Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
53 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
54 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2026
55 budget request process.

56 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
57 act, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be
58 necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to
59 the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections
60 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) Education activities or scholarships	\$ 6,888,029.00.
(b) Rural Physicians Scholarship Program	\$ 340,000.00.
(c) Rural Dentists Scholarship Program	<u>\$ 105,000.00.</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 7,333,029.00.

65 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
66 Section 2 of this act, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand
67 Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived
68 from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407,



69 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the
70 University of Mississippi Medical Center.

71 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
72 of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the sum of Four Hundred Twenty
73 Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships
74 for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in Section
75 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

76 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
77 this act, Two Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars
78 (\$2,170,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural
79 Physicians Scholarship Program as described in Section 37-141-1,
80 Mississippi Code of 1972. Of this amount, Thirty-five Thousand
81 Dollars (\$35,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as
82 described in Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

83 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
84 this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight
85 Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the
86 Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists
87 Scholarship Program.

88 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
89 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
90 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
91 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
92 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
93 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 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Four Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,750,000.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00) shall be derived from any special source funds collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.



119 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
120 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
121 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
122 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
123 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
124 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
125 actions contrary to this provision.

126 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
127 of Section 1 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
128 shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of
129 Mississippi Medical Center.

130 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that any
131 cash balances at the Children's Safe Center, and the MIND Center
132 shall only be spent in support of those divisions.

133 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
134 act, One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00)
135 shall be provided for the Child Health and Developmental Promotion
136 (CHDP) Fellowship Program.

137 **SECTION 22.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
138 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
139 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of
140 Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of reauthorizing the
141 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Asylum Hill Project,
142 as authorized in SB 3014, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal
143 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....



144\$ 2,053,082.00.

145 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
146 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
147 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
148 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
149 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
150 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

151 **SECTION 23.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
152 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
153 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the University of
154 Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of reauthorizing the
155 expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as appropriated in SB 3014,
156 2024 Regular Session, for the operations and support of the
157 Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council created in Section
158 41-145-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning
159 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 82,566.00.

160 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
161 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
162 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
163 remaining as of June 30, 2025, from the amount authorized for the
164 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
165 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

166 **SECTION 24.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
167 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
168 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon



169 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
170 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
171 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

172 **SECTION 25.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
173 and after July 1, 2025.

