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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2010

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 BOARD FOR 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 administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community
9 College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
10 ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 6,125,844.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
13 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community College Board,
14 for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the
15 Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning
16 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026\$ 63,149,800.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
18 act, Eight Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$806,000.00) shall be



19 derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited
20 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
21 1972.

22 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
23 this act, the following positions are authorized:

24 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

25 Permanent: 43

26 Time-Limited: 0

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

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32 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

33 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
34 act, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine
35 Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community
36 College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the
37 Greenville Higher Education Center.

38 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
39 act, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars
40 (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

41 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
42 act, Five Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-six
43 Dollars (\$574,386.00) shall be derived from the out of any money



44 in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on
45 Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of
46 defraying expenses incurred in the regulation and administration
47 of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law
48 and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College
49 Board.

50 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
51 this act, Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight
52 Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) is appropriated for the
53 Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding
54 obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for
55 industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in
56 this section. All industrial training program commitments made in
57 Fiscal Year 2026 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon
58 funds available in this section, and any proposed commitments
59 shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi
60 Community College Board or the Executive Director's designee prior
61 to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program
62 commitments shall be made and based only upon training services
63 provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures
64 of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations
65 made July 1, 2025, or after, and shall not be expended for
66 obligations made prior to this date.

67 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
68 act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00)



69 shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online
70 Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College
71 and funds in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Forty-four
72 Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,444,914.00) shall be
73 transferred from the Community and Junior College Education
74 Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the
75 Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online
76 Training Program and the administrative expenses of the
77 Mississippi Community College Board.

78 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in of Section 2 of
79 this act, One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00)
80 shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate
81 transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency
82 Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of
83 administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the
84 Mississippi Community College Board, pursuant to Section 37-35-9,
85 Mississippi Code of 1972.

86 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
87 act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from
88 the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from
89 the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi
90 Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day
91 operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

92 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an
93 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot



shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board 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 14. 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 15. 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.



118 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 3 of this
119 act, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), or so much
120 as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the
121 State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund
122 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi
123 Code of 1972, and shall be allocated to the Community College
124 Board (CCB) to reimburse community colleges for the test fee of
125 High School Equivalency tests, including the General Educational
126 Development (GED) and High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). As a
127 condition of reimbursement, the individual taking the test must
128 not be charged any fees.

129 **SECTION 17.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
130 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
131 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
132 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
133 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
134 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

135 **SECTION 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
136 and after July 1, 2025.

