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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2014

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI 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 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 Commission on Judicial Performance
9 of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 887,141.00.

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 Commission on Judicial Performance,
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on
15 Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal
16 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
17\$ 111,769.00.



18 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
19 this act, the following positions are authorized:

20 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

21 Permanent: 6

22 Time-Limited: 0

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

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28 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

29 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
30 Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting
31 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
32 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
33 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
34 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
35 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to
36 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
37 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
38 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

39 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
40 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
41 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
42 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 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary is provided for the purpose of employing a qualified attorney to audit, investigate, and monitor Youth Courts operations.

SECTION 7. 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 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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

