

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk

To: Appropriations

## SENATE BILL NO. 2048

1 AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO CERTAIN AGENCIES TO  
2 REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY  
3 FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
4 2026.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
7 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
8 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
9 Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment  
10 Security serving as the fiscal agent, as authorized in House Bill  
11 No. 1517, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
12 Session, Senate Bill No. 3113, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate  
13 Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning  
14 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 37,594,226.00.

15 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
16 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
17 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
18 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



19           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
20 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
21 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
22 Department of Environmental Quality, as authorized in Senate Bill  
23 No. 3056, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1716, 2023 Regular  
24 Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate  
25 Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
26 administering the Mississippi Municipality and County Water  
27 Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program established in Section  
28 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning  
29 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 358,693,365.00.

30           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
31 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
32 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
33 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

34           **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
35 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
36 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
37 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in House  
38 Bill No. 1518, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1719, 2023  
39 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and  
40 Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
41 providing funds to destination marketing organizations to assist  
42 in paying costs of certain marketing activities and providing  
43 funds to Mississippi Main Street Association, as provided in



44 Section 57-123-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year  
45 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
46 .....\$ 602,722.00.

47 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
48 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
49 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
50 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

51 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
52 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Mississippi  
53 Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant  
54 Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of  
55 Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3064,  
56 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,  
57 and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
58 funding the MAICU Grant Program established in Section 37-185-31,  
59 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
60 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 7,215,238.00.

61 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
62 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
63 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
64 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

65 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
66 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
67 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
68 State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1614,



69 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,  
70 and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
71 operational expenditures needed to respond to the COVID-19  
72 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue  
73 Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by  
74 the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity  
75 therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
76 June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,950,581.00.

77 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
78 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
79 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
80 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

81 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
82 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
83 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
84 State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060,  
85 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,  
86 and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
87 funding the COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program  
88 established in Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
89 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
90 .....\$ 2,103,442.00.

91 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
92 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended



balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

**SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program established in Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 14,481,807.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

**SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1538, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1715, 2023 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1951, 2024 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established under



Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 295,422,517.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

**SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Child Protection Services, as authorized in House Bill No. 1611, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying eligible operational expenses as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 22,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

**SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus



143 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise  
144 appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as  
145 authorized in Senate Bill No. 3010, 2022 Regular Session, Senate  
146 Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058,  
147 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of constructing a new  
148 nursing school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as  
149 allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
150 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United  
151 States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the  
152 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
153 .....\$ 40,000,000.00.

154 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
155 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
156 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
157 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

158 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
159 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
160 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise  
161 appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as  
162 authorized in House Bill No. 1722, 2023 Regular Session, and  
163 Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
164 repair and renovation at and acquisition of equipment for the  
165 facility used for the adolescent psychiatric program, for the  
166 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
167 .....\$ 1,652,000.00.



Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

**SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Mental Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2865, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of assisting with behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 46,251,485.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

**SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the



193 Mississippi National Guard as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3019,  
194 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular Session,  
195 Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No.  
196 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
197 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 6,600,000.00.

198 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
199 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
200 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
201 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

202 **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
203 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
204 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
205 Department of Public Safety, as authorized in Senate Bill No.  
206 3014, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
207 Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the  
208 purpose of completing capital projects at state-owned buildings or  
209 grounds, crime prevention due to the increase in crime, and  
210 operational expenditures, including the additional purpose of  
211 backlogs at the Forensic Laboratory, necessary to respond to the  
212 effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901  
213 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or  
214 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury  
215 in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
216 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 2,339,329.00.



217           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
218 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
219 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
220 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

221           **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
222 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
223 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
224 District Attorney's and staff, as authorized in House Bill No.  
225 1625, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular  
226 Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate  
227 Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding  
228 additional salaries and office expenses of temporary legal  
229 assistants and support personnel as authorized by Section  
230 25-31-5(2)(g), Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to  
231 the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section  
232 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any  
233 guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of  
234 the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year  
235 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
236 .....\$           105,000.00.

237           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
238 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
239 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
240 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



241           **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
242 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
243 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise  
244 appropriated, to the Supreme Court - Administrative Office of  
245 Courts, as authorized in House Bill No. 1949, 2024 Regular  
246 Session, for the purpose of defraying the cost of eligible  
247 expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act, for the fiscal  
248 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
249 .....\$       437,608.00.

250           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
251 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
252 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
253 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

254           **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
255 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
256 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
257 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, as  
258 authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as  
259 amended by Senate Bill 2373, 2023 Regular Session, Senate Bill No.  
260 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058, 2024 Regular  
261 Session, for the purpose of providing funding for the Skilled  
262 Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program,  
263 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
264 June 30, 2026.....\$       4,685,778.00.



265           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
266   in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
267   balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
268   purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

269           **SECTION 18.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
270   necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
271   State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the  
272   Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate  
273   Bill No. 3064, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3058,  
274   2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the Independent  
275   Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established in Senate Bill  
276   No. 2780, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill 3052, 2023 Regular  
277   Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
278   June 30, 2026.....\$   1,200,000.00.

279           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
280   in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
281   balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
282   purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

283           **SECTION 19.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
284   necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
285   State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise  
286   appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, as  
287   authorized in Senate Bill No. 3165, 2024 Regular Session, for the  
288   purpose of defraying the cost of allowable Surface Transportation  
289   projects included in the Maintenance Program of the MDOT



290 Three-Year Plan, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and  
291 ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 50,000,000.00.

292 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
293 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
294 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
295 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

296 **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
297 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
298 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
299 Mississippi Department of Transportation, as authorized in House  
300 Bill No. 1826, 2024 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying  
301 the cost of allowable Surface Transportation projects included in  
302 the Maintenance Program of the MDOT Three-Year Plan, for the  
303 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
304 .....\$ 54,000,000.00.

305 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
306 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
307 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2025, or change the  
308 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

309 **SECTION 21.** None of the funds reappropriated in this act  
310 shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

311 **SECTION 22.** (1) As used in this section, the term "agency"  
312 shall mean the entities in which funds were reappropriated in  
313 Sections 1 through 20 of this act.



(2) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC §§ 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section



complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(4) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

**SECTION 23.** The money appropriated by this act 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,



364 upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State  
365 Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions  
366 signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner  
367 provided by law.

368       **SECTION 24.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
369 and after July 1, 2025.

