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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1621  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
2 EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR  
4 THE DEAF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001.

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 money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board of  
9 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
11 the Deaf for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
12 June 30, 2001.....\$ 10,264,472.00.

13 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
15 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of  
16 Education for the support of the Mississippi School for the Blind  
17 or the Mississippi School for the Deaf which is comprised of  
18 special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the  
19 schools, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the schools  
20 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
21 June 30, 2001.....\$ 929,590.00.

22 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
23 Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

24 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

25	Permanent:	Full Time.....	213
26		Part Time.....	40
27	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	3

28 Part Time..... 0

29 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
30 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
31 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
32 Services" for Fiscal Year 2002 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2001  
33 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
34 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2002 budget by the  
35 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
36 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
37 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
38 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
39 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
40 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
41 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for "Personal  
42 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,  
43 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken  
44 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected  
45 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2001 "Personal Services"  
46 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
47 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
48 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
49 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

56 None of the funds herein provided shall be expended to hire  
57 any person on a contractual basis, for any period for any purpose,  
58 without the express prior approval of the State Personnel  
59 Director. The State Personnel Director shall consider, in  
60 approving such contracts, the availability of funds, the need for

61 services, compliance with the State Compensation Plan and the  
62 qualifications of the persons offering to perform the services.  
63 The State Fiscal Officer shall not pay any warrant that is in  
64 violation of this section.

65 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
66 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
67 the Deaf shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
68 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
69 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
70 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2000. The Department of  
71 Finance and Administration shall insure that financial controls  
72 comparable to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2000 are maintained  
73 throughout Fiscal Year 2001 for this agency. The State Personnel  
74 Board shall insure that personnel controls and records comparable  
75 to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2000 are maintained throughout  
76 Fiscal Year 2001 for this agency. It is further the intention of  
77 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
78 2002 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
79 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
80 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request  
81 process.

82 SECTION 5. With the funds provided herein, it is the  
83 intention of the Legislature that the academic teachers at the  
84 Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the  
85 Blind shall receive their annual increment.

86 SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
87 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
88 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
89 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
90 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
91 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

92 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
93 and after July 1, 2000.