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SENATE BILL NO. 3255  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID OF THE PUBLIC  
2 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR  
3 FISCAL YEAR 2001.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) The following sum, or so much thereof as may  
6 be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public  
8 community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning  
9 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 100,375,171.00.

10 (2) The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
12 Education Enhancement Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the  
13 aid of public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year  
14 beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....  
15 .....\$ 27,527,120.00.

16 (3) The money appropriated by this act shall be apportioned  
17 as follows:

18 (a) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges  
19 shall distribute to each of the public community and junior  
20 colleges, out of any money appropriated from the State General  
21 Fund, the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand One Hundred  
22 Fifty-three Dollars (\$399,153.00) and out of any money  
23 appropriated from the Education Enhancement Fund, the sum of One  
24 Hundred Forty-two Thousand One Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars  
25 (\$142,127.00).

26 (b) The remainder of the appropriation for public

27 community and junior colleges shall be distributed in twelve (12)  
28 monthly installments beginning July 25, 2000, on the basis of the  
29 number of full-time academic and technical public community and  
30 junior college students actually enrolled and in attendance on the  
31 last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent  
32 of the preceding year counting only those students who reside  
33 within the State of Mississippi. Provided, however, that  
34 technical students shall be weighted at 1.19 times that of  
35 academic students.

36 The Director of the State Board for Community and Junior  
37 Colleges shall visit each public community and junior college and  
38 shall determine, on the basis of an audit of students, who shall  
39 be counted in each college and shall certify the number to the  
40 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

41 If, pending determination of the full-time academic  
42 enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges  
43 entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided for in  
44 this subsection, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges  
45 shall find and determine that any such public or community junior  
46 college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the  
47 necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing  
48 July 1, 2000, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby,  
49 then, in that event, the State Board for Community and Junior  
50 Colleges is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such  
51 public community or junior college or colleges not having  
52 sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds  
53 appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any  
54 such advance to any one public community or junior college shall  
55 not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state  
56 appropriated funds received by such public community or junior  
57 college during the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further,  
58 that the amount of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro  
59 rata part of the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public

60 community or junior college when enrollment has been ascertained  
61 and distribution of funds is made.

62 (4) No part of the amount herein appropriated shall be used  
63 by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for  
64 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the  
65 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the  
66 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

67 SECTION 2. (1) The following sum, or so much thereof as may  
68 be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the  
69 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support,  
70 maintenance and equipping of vocational-technical departments in  
71 the public community and junior colleges which meet the  
72 requirements for vocational-technical education departments for  
73 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30,  
74 2001.....\$ 2,870,408.00.

75 (2) The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
76 necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the  
77 Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the  
78 support, maintenance and equipping of vocational-technical  
79 departments in the public community and junior colleges which meet  
80 the requirements for vocational-technical education departments  
81 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
82 June 30, 2001.....\$ 772,288.00.

83 (3) Such departments shall be open to students enrolled in  
84 the institutions, and to other students who may qualify for such  
85 courses, and to those meeting requirements for either civilian or  
86 veteran rehabilitation, whether or not enrolled in such  
87 institutions as regular students.

88 (4) Such funds shall be disbursed to such public community  
89 and junior colleges on the basis of the full-time vocational  
90 enrollment of each such public community and junior college as of  
91 the last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its  
92 equivalent of the preceding year, counting only students who

93 reside within the State of Mississippi.

94 (5) No part of the funds hereby appropriated shall be spent  
95 for building or for regular academic instruction.

96 (6) The funds disbursed under the provisions of this act  
97 shall be accounted for through the State Board for Community and  
98 Junior Colleges.

99 SECTION 3. (1) The following sum, or so much thereof as may  
100 be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the  
101 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support of  
102 part-time academic credit courses operated by public community and  
103 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and  
104 ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 14,515,025.00.

105 (2) The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
106 necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the  
107 Education Enhancement Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the  
108 support of part-time academic credit courses operated by public  
109 community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning  
110 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 3,905,292.00.

111 (3) These funds shall be disbursed by the State Board for  
112 Community and Junior Colleges to such public community and junior  
113 colleges as may qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time  
114 equivalency of part-time and summer academic students, counting  
115 only students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

116 SECTION 4. (1) The following sum, or so much thereof as may  
117 be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
118 General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
119 Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of paying for  
120 nursing faculty supplement, in accordance with Section 37-129-1 et  
121 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and aid to nursing education for  
122 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001  
123 .....\$ 5,839,750.00.

124 (2) The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
125 necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the

126 Education Enhancement Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the  
127 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of  
128 paying for nursing faculty supplement, in accordance with Section  
129 37-129-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and aid to nursing  
130 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
131 June 30, 2001.....\$ 1,571,194.00.

132 SECTION 5. The following public community and junior  
133 colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by  
134 Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this act:

135 Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College,  
136 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community  
137 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community  
138 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,  
139 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,  
140 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast  
141 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community  
142 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi  
143 Community College.

144 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
145 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the  
146 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any  
147 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a  
148 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

149 SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
150 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
151 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
152 Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of hiring nursing  
153 and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and  
154 allied health student loans and providing instructional support  
155 for the Rural Health Corps for the fiscal year beginning  
156 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 1,200,000.00.

157 The funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated as  
158 follows:

159 (1) One-half (1/2) divided equally among the fifteen (15)  
160 public community and junior colleges.

161 (2) One-half (1/2) divided upon the basis of the number of  
162 full-time academic, technical and vocational public community and  
163 junior college students actually enrolled and in attendance on the  
164 last day of the sixth week of the fall semester or its equivalent  
165 of the preceding year counting only those students who reside  
166 within the State of Mississippi.

167 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and  
168 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget  
169 Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments  
170 of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual  
171 community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by  
172 the Legislative Budget Office.

173 SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
174 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
175 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public  
176 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,  
177 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for  
178 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001..  
179 .....\$ 11,510,674.00.

180 The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to  
181 participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health  
182 Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in these sections which  
183 are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward  
184 for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

185 SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
186 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
187 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
188 establishing and operating One-Stop Career Centers at each of the  
189 public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning  
190 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 4,500,000.00.

191 SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be

192 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
193 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
194 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
195 cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community  
196 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000,  
197 and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 179,050.00.

198 SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
199 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
200 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
201 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
202 cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community  
203 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000,  
204 and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 3,599,160.00.

205 SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
206 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
207 Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
208 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of  
209 defraying the cost of servicing the debt on bonds issued for the  
210 Education Technology Program at the community and junior colleges  
211 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
212 June 30, 2001.....\$ 3,141,678.00.

213 The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from  
214 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Section  
215 27-103-203(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

216 SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 (2),  
217 2 (2), 3 (2), and 4 (2), Thirty Million Eighty Thousand Six  
218 Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$30,080,663.00) shall be derived from  
219 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections  
220 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972 and Three Million  
221 Six Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-one Dollars  
222 (\$3,695,231.00) shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds  
223 deposited pursuant to Section 27-103-203(1), Mississippi Code of  
224 1972.

225 SECTION 14. Should revenues generated and deposited to the  
226 Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Section 27-103-203 (1),  
227 Mississippi Code of 1972, and apportioned pursuant to Section  
228 37-61-33 (6), Mississippi Code of 1972, fall below funds  
229 appropriated herein from said source, the State Board for  
230 Community and Junior Colleges shall notify the Department of  
231 Finance and Administration as to which allotments shall be reduced  
232 to insure that expenditures do not exceed actual revenues.

233 SECTION 15. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition  
234 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi  
235 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation  
236 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of  
237 enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section  
238 37-155-5(d)(iii).

239 SECTION 16. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
240 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
241 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
242 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
243 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
244 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
245 performance measures provided below:

246 Performance Measures FY2001 Target

247 INSTRUCTION

248	Cumulative grade point averages of	
249	community college transfer students	
250	attending State Institutions of Higher	
251	Learning will equal or exceed the	
252	Grade Point Averages earned by native	
253	students in the same university system	
254	(GPA based on a 4.0 scale)	2.75
255	Average range of class size (Students/Class)	18.00
256	Percentage of community/junior college	
257	associate degree nursing graduates who	



258 pass the state board nursing exam on the  
 259 first write (%) 92.00  
 260 Percentage of full-time and adjunct (part-  
 261 time) faculty who met the criteria for  
 262 academic and professional preparation (%) 100.00  
 263 Percentage of vocational-technical students  
 264 who complete or exit a program and are  
 265 considered positively placed (%) 90.00  
 266 Total cost per full-time equivalent student (\$) \$5,299.91

267 PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATION

268 Percentage of community/junior colleges with a  
 269 written comprehensive safety and health  
 270 program implemented to ensure safe working  
 271 conditions and practices (%) 100.00  
 272 Number of student injuries on community and  
 273 junior college grounds (Students) 93.00  
 274 Number of employee injuries on community and  
 275 junior college grounds (Employees) 102.00

276 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 277 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
 278 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
 279 Committee for Fiscal Year 2002.

280 SECTION 17. It is the intent of the Legislature that no  
 281 faculty salaries be reduced.

282 SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 283 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
 284 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for  
 285 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the  
 286 cost of the Golden Triangle Education Center for Manufacturing  
 287 Technology, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
 288 June 30, 2001.....\$ 100,000.00.

289 SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
 290 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the

291 Education Enhancement Fund No. 4302 in the State Treasury to the  
292 credit of the Public Community and Junior Colleges, for the fiscal  
293 year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....  
294 .....\$ 615,000.00.

295 SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
296 of this act, the Mississippi Public Community and Junior Colleges  
297 may expend out of these funds such sums as may be necessary to  
298 provide transportation and transportation related services,  
299 including the operation or use of buses, vans or other vehicles  
300 owned or leased by the Mississippi Public Community and Junior  
301 Colleges in support of the annual meeting of the Southern  
302 Legislative Conference hosted by the State of Mississippi.

303 SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
304 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
305 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
306 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
307 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
308 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

309 SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
310 and after July 1, 2000.