MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2001

By: Representatives Moody, Hamilton, Bowles, Brown, Gibbs, Henderson, Holland, Read, Shows, Stevens, Stringer, Warren

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1626

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... $ 8,196,944.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... $ 93,984,822.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... $ 3,727,878.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fully match all available federal funds.....$2,688,357.00

Independent Living Program which includes the State Attendant Care Program.....$ 900,000.00

Independent Living Program...$ 39,901.00

Deaf and hard of hearing.....$ 87,587.00

Funding positions .....$ 8,708.00

Older blind grant.....$ 3,325.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of expenditure:

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:		
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	$	19,551,128.00
Travel and Subsistence.....		749,438.00
Contractual Services.....		3,711,809.00
Commodities.....		306,706.00
Capital Outlay:		
Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
Equipment.....		450,573.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		17,808,622.00
Total.....	$	42,578,276.00

FUNDING:

General Funds.....	$	5,779,323.00
Special Funds.....		36,798,953.00
Total.....	$	42,578,276.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	439
	Part Time.....	9
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	100
	Part Time.....	2

OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:	
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	$ 12,607,504.00
Travel and Subsistence	225,000.00
Contractual Services	9,051,964.00
Commodities	523,390.00
Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment	0.00
Equipment	1,000,000.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants	10,288,445.00
Total	$ 33,696,303.00

FUNDING:

General Funds	$ 0.00
Special Funds	33,696,303.00
Total	$ 33,696,303.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	295
	Part Time	20
Time-Limited:	Full Time	38
	Part Time	0

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE BLIND

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:	
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	$ 3,499,043.00
Travel and Subsistence	139,422.00
Contractual Services	734,584.00
Commodities	79,874.00
Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment	15,000.00
Equipment	237,794.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants	5,825,436.00
Total	$ 10,531,153.00

FUNDING:

General Funds..... $ 1,280,446.00

Special Funds..... 9,250,707.00

Total..... $ 10,531,153.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time..... 84

Part Time..... 0

Time-Limited: Full Time..... 5

Part Time..... 4

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. $ 1,508,461.00

Travel and Subsistence..... 53,000.00

Contractual Services..... 461,453.00

Commodities..... 37,860.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment..... 0.00

Equipment..... 32,095.00

Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 0.00

Total..... $ 2,092,869.00

FUNDING:

General Funds..... $ 0.00

Special Funds..... 2,092,869.00

Total..... $ 2,092,869.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time..... 28

Part Time..... 0

Time-Limited: Full Time..... 0

	Part Time.....	0	
	SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY PROGRAM		
MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:			
Personal Services:			
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..		$	45,000.00
Travel and Subsistence.....			20,000.00
Contractual Services.....			15,000.00
Commodities.....			5,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Other Than Equipment.....			0.00
Equipment.....			0.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....			5,214,117.00
Total.....		$	5,299,117.00
FUNDING:			
General Funds.....		$	0.00
Special Funds.....			5,299,117.00
Total.....		$	5,299,117.00
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:			
Permanent:	Full Time.....	1	
	Part Time.....	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0	
	Part Time.....	0	
	SPECIAL DISABILITY PROGRAM		
MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:			
Personal Services:			
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..		$	1,001,680.00
Travel and Subsistence.....			43,000.00
Contractual Services.....			40,000.00
Commodities.....			7,250.00
Capital Outlay:			
Other Than Equipment.....			0.00
Equipment.....			0.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....			10,619,996.00

Total	$	11,711,926.00

FUNDING:

General Funds	$	1,137,175.00
Special Funds		10,574,751.00
Total	$	11,711,926.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	23
	Part Time	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time	2
	Part Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2003 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2002 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2003 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation for "Personal Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2002 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may transfer

between the various offices authorized herein both funds and positions not to exceed five percent (5%) of the receiving office in addition to any other transfers or escalations made in accordance with Section 27-104-17 (3), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The Executive Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer. It is further the intention of the Legislature that any transfers made under the provisions of this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and that in no case shall the transfers be made which substantially alter the legislative intent for the various offices as set forth in the original appropriations made under this act.

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

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide funding for construction grants and establishment grants for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... ..... $ 4,000,000.00.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. 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 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.