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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3103
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND
3 MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS
4 AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL
5 YEAR 2002.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
10 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and
11 maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs
12 authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of
13 Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of
14 Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001,
15 and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 27,849,543.00.

16 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
17 necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from
18 any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special
19 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
20 for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan
21 and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the
22 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the
23 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year
24 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....
25 \$ 9,875,675.00.

26 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
27 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of carryover
28 funds in State Treasury Fund 325E, pursuant to Section 37-106-33,

29 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the
30 Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the
31 Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program, for the fiscal year
32 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....
33 \$ 625,486.00.

34 SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
35 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Health
36 Care Expendable Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of
37 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support
38 and maintenance of the Medical Education Loan/Scholarship Program
39 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30,
40 2002..... \$ 400,000.00.

41 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
42 Section 2, One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars
43 (\$1,400,000.00) shall be derived from the Budget Contingency Fund
44 created in Senate Bill No. 2680, Regular Session of 2001.

45 SECTION 6. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in
46 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established
47 by law.

48 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this
49 act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or
50 for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the
51 State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to July 1,
52 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

53 SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
54 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the
55 Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning
56 shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and
57 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding
58 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified
59 applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the
60 number of returning optometry students who received funding under
61 the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new

62 entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five
63 (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering
64 osteopathic medical students and the number of returning
65 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the
66 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of
67 study.

68 SECTION 8. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the
69 provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 among the student financial
70 aid programs included herein, it is the intention of the
71 Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first
72 allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under the
73 provisions of Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections
74 37-108-1 through 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

75 SECTION 9. All funds provided for in this act shall be
76 accounted for in a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and
77 for what purpose applied, and this statement shall be submitted at
78 the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days
79 after the convening thereof. A report of loans made and receipt
80 of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported. The amount
81 of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such
82 report shall include the number of students at each institution
83 receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance,
84 and an estimate of the financial requirement of the various loan
85 programs for the next year. No public or private institution of
86 higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of
87 this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans,
88 shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any
89 amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official
90 transcript is requested.

91 Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be
92 reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the
93 provisions of Section 37-143-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

94 SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
95 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 shall be submitted to
96 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
97 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
98 during the Fiscal Year 2002 budget request process.

99 SECTION 11. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
100 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
101 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
102 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

103 SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
104 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
105 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
106 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
107 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
108 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

109 SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from
110 and after July 1, 2001.