

By: Representatives Warren, Scott (17th),  
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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1804

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 2003.

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, 2002, and ending  
12 June 30, 2003..... \$ 10,463,632.00.

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, 2002, and ending  
21 June 30, 2003..... \$ 968,023.00.

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

26 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

27 Personal Services:

28 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 8,776,460.00



29	Travel and Subsistence.....	113,572.00
30	Contractual Services.....	1,681,406.00
31	Commodities.....	428,071.00
32	Capital Outlay:	
33	Other Than Equipment.....	70,500.00
34	Equipment.....	341,082.00
35	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>20,564.00</u>
36	Total.....	\$ 11,431,655.00
37	FUNDING:	
38	General Funds.....	\$ 10,463,632.00
39	Special Funds.....	<u>968,023.00</u>
40	Total.....	\$ 11,431,655.00

41 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

42	Permanent: Full Time.....	213
43	Part Time.....	40
44	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	3
45	Part Time.....	0

46 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
47 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
48 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the  
49 Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00),  
50 whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

51 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
52 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
53 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
54 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003  
55 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or  
56 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi  
57 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget  
58 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish  
59 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data,  
60 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and  
61 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual



62 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with  
63 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
64 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
65 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for  
66 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in  
67 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any  
68 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the  
69 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed  
70 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal  
71 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with  
72 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce  
73 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement  
74 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as  
75 the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

82 None of the funds herein provided shall be expended to hire  
83 any person on a contractual basis, for any period for any purpose,  
84 without the express prior approval of the State Personnel  
85 Director. The State Personnel Director shall consider, in  
86 approving such contracts, the availability of funds, the need for  
87 services, compliance with the State Compensation Plan and the  
88 qualifications of the persons offering to perform the services.  
89 The State Fiscal Officer shall not pay any warrant that is in  
90 violation of this section.

91 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
92 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for  
93 the Deaf shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
94 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this



95 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
96 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2002. The Department of  
97 Finance and Administration shall insure that financial controls  
98 comparable to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2002 are maintained  
99 throughout Fiscal Year 2003 for this agency. The State Personnel  
100 Board shall insure that personnel controls and records comparable  
101 to those utilized for Fiscal Year 2002 are maintained throughout  
102 Fiscal Year 2003 for this agency. It is further the intention of  
103 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
104 2004 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
105 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
106 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2003 budget request  
107 process.

108       **SECTION 5.** With the funds provided herein, it is the  
109 intention of the Legislature that the academic teachers at the  
110 Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the  
111 Blind shall receive their annual increment.

112       **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
113 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
114 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
115 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
116 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
117 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

118       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
119 and after July 1, 2002.

