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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3140
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support
8 of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....
10 \$ 89,917,910.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Budget
13 Contingency Fund, created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code
14 of 1972, for the aid and support of public community and junior
15 colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
16 June 30, 2003..... \$ 10,325,781.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
19 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
20 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise
21 appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and
22 junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and
23 ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 25,253,826.00.

24 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be
25 apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

<u>Formula Section</u>	<u>Assigned Weight</u>
26 (1) Aid to Colleges Base	5% of prior year



28 appropriation

29	Academic	1.0
30	Technical	1.19
31	Virtual Community College	.55
32	(2) Vocational	.38
33	(3) Part-time	.55
34	(4) Associate Degree Nursing	1.0

35 Such Academic, Technical, and Vocational funds shall be
36 disbursed to such public community and junior colleges on the
37 basis of the full-time enrollment of each such public community
38 and junior college as of the last day of the sixth week of the
39 fall semester or its equivalent of the preceding year, counting
40 only students who reside within the State of Mississippi.

41 Part-time academic vocational and technical credit courses may
42 qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of
43 part-time and summer students, counting only students who reside
44 within the State of Mississippi.

45 Virtual Community College hosted and provided courses may
46 qualify on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency of
47 virtual community college hours generated during the summer, fall
48 and spring semesters that did not make a student full-time in the
49 fall semester.

50 The Director of the State Board for Community and Junior
51 Colleges, or his designee, shall audit each public community and
52 junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each
53 college and shall certify the number to the State Board for
54 Community and Junior Colleges.

55 If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at
56 the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate
57 in this appropriation, as provided for in this subsection, the
58 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall find and
59 determine that any such public or community junior college does
60 not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary



61 expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2002,
62 until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that
63 event, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges is
64 expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public
65 community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient
66 operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated
67 hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to
68 any one public community or junior college shall not exceed
69 thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state appropriated
70 funds received by such public community or junior college during
71 the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount
72 of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of
73 the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or
74 junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and
75 distribution of funds is made.

76 **SECTION 5.** No part of the amount herein appropriated shall
77 be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for
78 administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the
79 extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the
80 expenses of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

81 **SECTION 6.** The funds disbursed under the provisions of this
82 act shall be accounted for through the State Board for Community
83 and Junior Colleges.

84 **SECTION 7.** The following public community and junior
85 colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by
86 Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act:

87 Coahoma Community College, Covich-Lincoln Community College,
88 East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community
89 College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community
90 College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College,
91 Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College,
92 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast
93 Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community



94 College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi
95 Community College.

96 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
97 of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the
98 purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any
99 public community and junior college employee who is serving as a
100 member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

101 **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
102 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
103 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for
104 Community and Junior Colleges for the purposes of hiring nursing
105 and allied health teachers, awarding interest free nursing and
106 allied health student loans and providing instructional support
107 for the Rural Health Corps for the fiscal year beginning
108 July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 1,200,000.00.

109 The funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated as
110 follows:

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

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

119 The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and
120 make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget
121 Office an accounting of expenditures and program accomplishments
122 of the Rural Health Corps Program for each of the individual
123 community and junior colleges in a format and manner prescribed by
124 the Legislative Budget Office.

125 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
126 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State



127 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public
128 community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance,
129 for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for
130 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.
131 \$ 12,728,506.00.

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

137 **SECTION 11.** In addition to funds appropriated in Section 10,
138 the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
139 hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover
140 Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health
141 insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health
142 Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college
143 employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
144 June 30, 2003..... \$ 200,000.00.

145 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
146 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
147 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
148 establishing and operating One-Stop Career Centers at each of the
149 public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning
150 July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 4,500,000.00.

151 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
152 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
153 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for
154 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the
155 cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community
156 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,
157 and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 179,050.00.

158 **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
159 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State



160 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for
161 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the
162 cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community
163 and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,
164 and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 3,599,160.00.

165 **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
166 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
167 Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
168 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of
169 defraying the cost of servicing the debt on bonds issued for the
170 Education Technology Program at the community and junior colleges
171 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
172 June 30, 2003..... \$ 3,144,929.00.

173 The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from
174 Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections
175 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

176 **SECTION 16.** A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition
177 (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi
178 resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation
179 regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of
180 enrollment, as set out in Mississippi Code Annotated, Section
181 37-155-5(d)(iii).

182 **SECTION 17.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
183 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
184 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
185 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
186 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
187 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
188 performance measures provided below:

189 Performance Measures FY2003 Target

190 INSTRUCTION

191 Cumulative grade point average of
192 community college transfer students



193	attending State Institutions of Higher	
194	Learning will equal or exceed the	
195	Grade Point Averages earned by native	
196	students in the same university system	
197	(GPA based on a 4.0 scale)	2.75
198	Average class size range(Students/Class)	25.00
199	Percentage of community/junior college	
200	associate degree nursing graduates who	
201	pass the state board nursing exam on the	
202	first write (%)	92.00
203	Percentage of full-time and adjunct (part-	
204	time) faculty who met the criteria for	
205	academic and professional preparation (%)	100.00
206	Percentage of vocational-technical students	
207	who complete or exit a program and are	
208	considered positively placed (%)	90.00
209	Total cost per full-time equivalent student (\$)	\$5,000.00

210 PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATION

211	Percentage of community/junior colleges with a	
212	written comprehensive safety and health	
213	program implemented to ensure safe working	
214	conditions and practices (%)	100.00
215	Number of student injuries on community and	
216	junior college grounds (Students)	90.00
217	Number of employee injuries on community and	
218	junior college grounds (Employees)	100.00
219	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
220	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
221	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
222	Committee for Fiscal Year 2004.	

223 **SECTION 18.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
224 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
225 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for



226 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the
227 cost of the Golden Triangle Education Center for Manufacturing
228 Technology, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
229 June 30, 2003..... \$ 100,000.00.

230 **SECTION 19.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
231 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
232 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Board for
233 Community and Junior Colleges for the purpose of defraying the
234 cost of the Mississippi Delta Community College Industrial
235 Training Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and
236 ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 100,000.00.

237 **SECTION 20.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
238 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
239 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
240 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
241 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
242 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

243 **SECTION 21.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
244 and after July 1, 2002.

