

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
8 the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Examiners for
9 Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists for the purpose
10 of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.....
12 \$ 325,295.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
14 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
15 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
16 expenditure:

17 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

18 Personal Services:

19 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	167,465.00
20 Travel and Subsistence.....		15,000.00
21 Contractual Services.....		118,030.00
22 Commodities.....		19,800.00
23 Capital Outlay:		
24 Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
25 Equipment.....		5,000.00
26 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>

27 Total..... \$ 325,295.00

28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29 Permanent: Full Time..... 5
30 Part Time..... 0
31 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 0
32 Part Time..... 0

33 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
34 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
35 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
36 Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006
37 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
38 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the
39 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
40 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
41 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
42 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
43 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
44 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
45 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal
46 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
47 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
48 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
49 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
50 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"
51 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
52 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
53 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
54 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
62 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
63 appropriated level.

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

68 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
69 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
70 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
71 means to increase salaries of employees or positions, except for
72 the award of teacher pay increases.

73 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
74 Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family
75 Therapists shall maintain complete accounting and personnel
76 records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under
77 this act and that such records shall be in the same format and
78 level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2005. It is further
79 the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request
80 for Fiscal Year 2007 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
81 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
82 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2006
83 budget request process.

84 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds provided herein, the sum of Nine
85 Thousand Sixteen Dollars (\$9,016.00) is hereby assessed on any
86 non-federal special funds and shall be deposited to the Budget
87 Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code
88 of 1972, on or before October 1, 2005, for the purpose of
89 reimbursing the State of Mississippi for administrative costs.

90 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
91 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
92 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
93 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
94 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
95 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

96 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
97 and after July 1, 2005.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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