

By: Representatives Warren, Stringer,
Reynolds, Hudson, Clark, Scott, Franks

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
2 HEALTH TO FULLY FUND THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SEVEN
3 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Mental
8 Health for the operation and maintenance of the seven (7) mental
9 health crisis centers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,
10 and ending June 30, 2008..... \$16,297,547.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated out of the Health Care Expendable Fund
13 created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the
14 Department of Mental Health for the operation and maintenance of
15 the seven (7) mental health crisis centers for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$636,374.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
18 necessary, is appropriated out of the Crisis Intervention Mental
19 Health Fund created in Section 41-21-151, Mississippi Code of
20 1972, to the Department of Mental Health for the operation and
21 maintenance of the seven (7) mental health crisis centers for the
22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
23 \$4,360,272.00.

24 **SECTION 4.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions
25 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

26	Permanent:	Full Time.....	337
27		Part Time.....	0

28 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 0
29 Part Time..... 0

30 **SECTION 5.** The Executive Director of the Department of
31 Mental Health shall have the authority to transfer not more than
32 twenty-five percent (25%) of the general funds appropriated in
33 this act to crisis centers operated by a facility to the facility
34 operating budget in whatever line items are necessary. The
35 executive director shall submit justification for such a transfer
36 to the Director of the Legislative Budget Office and the Executive
37 Director of the Department of Finance and Administration on or
38 before the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which
39 the transfer is to be made. Notwithstanding any provision of this
40 section to the contrary, the executive director shall not reduce
41 funding at any crisis center below that which is required to
42 operate that crisis center at full funding of the reasonable cost
43 of operation at full capacity.

44 **SECTION 6.** As a condition of receipt of the money
45 appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health shall
46 name the crisis center located in Brookhaven in honor of the late
47 Senator Billy V. Harvey.

48 **SECTION 7.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
49 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to
50 the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act,
51 upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State
52 Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed
53 by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided
54 by law.

55 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2007.