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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3134

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
6 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the
7 expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
9 \$ 23,154,735.00.

10 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
12 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority or
13 the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the
14 expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the
15 authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
16 June 30, 2008..... \$ 2,433,242,689.00.

17 SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
18 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

19 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

20	Permanent:	Full Time.....	254
21		Part Time.....	2
22	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	30
23		Part Time.....	1

24 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
25 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
26 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation



27 Plan or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or Three Percent (3%)
28 whichever is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

29 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
30 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
31 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
32 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
33 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
34 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2009 budget by the
35 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
36 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
37 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
38 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
39 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
40 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
41 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation for "Personal
42 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
43 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
44 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
45 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
46 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2008 "Personal Services"
47 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
48 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
49 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
50 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

51 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
52 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
53 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
54 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
55 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
56 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
57 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
58 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
59 appropriated level.



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

64 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
65 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
66 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
67 means to increase salaries of employees or positions unless
68 specifically exempted by the following conditions: the award of
69 teacher pay increases, the advancement of a trainee/cadet to the
70 next level of a bona fide career ladder, the award of an
71 educational benchmark for the attainment of Certified Public
72 Accountant License or higher level professional certification as
73 determined by the State Personnel Board, the immediate replacement
74 of a departing employee with an individual from within state
75 service or a new hire at a salary level equivalent to that of the
76 departing employee, and the emergency appointment of nurses,
77 pharmacists or other health care professionals at a salary to be
78 determined by the State Personnel Board, unless otherwise
79 authorized in this act.

80 **SECTION 4.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
81 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
82 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
83 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
84 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
85 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
86 performance measures provided below:

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<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Global Business	
National Recruitment Contacts (Actions)	2,900
International Investment Contacts (Actions)	200
International Trade Contacts (Actions)	1,000



93	Qualified National Prospects (Prospects)	250
94	Minority & Small Business Dev	
95	Minority & Small Business	
96	Contacts (Contacts)	11,000
97	Minority Business Certifications (Actions)	250
98	Financial Resources	
99	Request for Financing or	
100	Incentives (Actions)	600
101	Existing Industry & Business	
102	Interactions with Interstate	
103	Businesses (Actions)	3,800
104	Number of Qualified Contacts	1,200
105	Tourism Services	
106	Tourist Inquiries Generated (Number)	3,083,977
107	Welcome Centers	
108	Tourists Registered (Persons)	2,986,242
109	Energy	
110	BTUs Saved (Units in Trillions)	71.67
111	Clients Served (Entities)	34,650
112	Community Services	
113	Amount of Grants Awarded (\$)	66,000,000
114	Grants & Loans Awarded (Items)	220
115	Regional Services	
116	Regional Deve Organizations (Surveyed)	7
117	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
118	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
119	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
120	Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.	

121 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
122 amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall
123 be provided from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to
124 defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority in
125 operating the state welcome centers.



126 **SECTION 6.** The acceptance and expenditure of funds, and
127 interest on such funds, received from, or by virtue of consent or
128 other orders of or agreements involving any agency,
129 instrumentality, or judicial tribunal of any state or the United
130 States for petroleum price compliance and allocation which may
131 become available during the fiscal year for the support of the
132 Mississippi Development Authority or any programs sponsored under
133 the terms of the receipt of these funds are hereby authorized not
134 to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and approved,
135 provided such receipts and expenditures are reported and otherwise
136 accounted for in accordance with Section 27-103-101 et seq., and
137 Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

138 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
139 Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to
140 escalate, budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed
141 Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and
142 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
143 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

144 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
145 Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete
146 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
147 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
148 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
149 Year 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
150 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be
151 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
152 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
153 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

154 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2,
155 the amount of Six Million Four Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Dollars
156 (\$6,462,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
157 provided for the purpose of supporting Mississippi Tourism
158 Advertising and Promotion, and shall not be expended for any type



159 of cultural exchange program. The expenditure of funds authorized
160 in this section shall be exempt from Section 25-9-120, Mississippi
161 Code of 1972.

162 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2,
163 the amount of One Million Five Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand
164 Dollars (\$1,567,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary,
165 is provided for the purpose of supporting, marketing, and
166 facilitating Mississippi business growth. The expenditure of
167 funds authorized in this section shall be exempt from Section
168 25-9-120, Mississippi Code of 1972.

169 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums herein
170 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
171 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
172 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
173 Development Authority for the purpose of providing funds for
174 Mississippi Technology Alliance, for the fiscal year beginning
175 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
176 \$ 1,153,374.00.

177 The funds appropriated under the provisions of this section
178 are provided for the specific purpose of providing state funds for
179 support of Mississippi Technology Alliance to strengthen the
180 business environment in Mississippi to spur the creation and
181 growth of technology-based industries, thus creating many more
182 high-paying jobs and a more diversified, competitive Mississippi
183 economy. The funds herein appropriated shall be held separate and
184 apart from all other funds appropriated to the Mississippi
185 Development Authority.

186 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums herein
187 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
188 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
189 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi
190 Development Authority for the purpose of providing funds to
191 support the Enterprise for Geospatial Solutions, for the



192 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008...
193\$ 946,744.00.

194 The funds herein appropriated shall be held separate and
195 apart from all other funds appropriated to the Mississippi
196 Development Authority.

197 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that of
198 the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, not more than Twenty
199 Thousand (\$20,000.00) may be expended for Mississippi Development
200 Authority employee travel associated with business recruitment
201 activities conducted at the Mississippi event located in New York
202 City's Central Park.

203 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
204 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
205 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
206 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
207 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public
208 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening
209 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has
210 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or
211 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following
212 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the
213 Mississippi State Legislature."

214 **SECTION 15.** In addition to all other sums herein
215 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
216 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
217 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Telecommunication
218 Conference and Training Center Fund #3424, for the purpose of
219 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Telecommunication
220 Conference and Training Center Commission, for the fiscal year
221 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
222 \$ 2,116,299.00.

223 The funds appropriated in this section shall be derived from
224 any revenues collected by the commission from fees, rates or

225 charges for the use of the Telecommunication Conference and
226 Training Center, as authorized in Section 31-31-9, Mississippi
227 Code of 1972.

228 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this
229 section, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
230 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
231 expenditure.

232 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

233 Personal Services:

234	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	0.00
235	Travel and Subsistence.....	5,000.00
236	Contractual Services.....	533,364.00
237	Commodities.....	822,300.00
238	Capital Outlay:	
239	Other Than Equipment.....	37,500.00
240	Equipment.....	5,114.00
241	Vehicles.....	0.00
242	Wireless Communication Devices.....	0.00
243	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>713,021.00</u>
244	Total..... \$	2,116,299.00

245 FUNDING:

246	General Funds..... \$	0.00
247	Special Funds.....	<u>2,116,299.00</u>
248	Total..... \$	2,116,299.00

249 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

250	Permanent: Full Time.....	0
251	Part Time.....	0
252	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
253	Part Time.....	0

254 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 15, the
255 following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby
256 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
257 of the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training



258 Facility Reserve Fund #3425, to the Mississippi Telecommunication
259 Conference and Training Center Commission for the purpose of
260 paying debt service and maintaining, renovating, improving or
261 making additions to the Telecommunication Conference and Training
262 facility for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
263 June 30, 2008..... \$ 737,934.00.

264 It is the intention of the Legislature that not more than
265 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) of the funds
266 appropriated in this section shall be used by the commission for
267 the maintenance and operation of the facility, provided that this
268 sum of money remains available in the fund after transferring
269 amounts to the State Treasurer to pay debt service, as prescribed
270 in Section 31-31-11(5), Mississippi Code of 1972.

271 **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
272 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
273 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
274 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
275 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
276 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
277 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
278 made without competitive bids.

279 **SECTION 18.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
280 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
281 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
282 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

283 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
284 the following criteria:

285 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

286 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising
287 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

288 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired
289 by media without cost.



290 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
291 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
292 media expenditures.

293 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

294 **SECTION 19.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
295 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
296 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
297 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
298 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
299 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

300 **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
301 and after July 1, 2007.

