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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1700
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL
4 YEAR 2021.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021,
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
16 Division.....\$ 91,973,176.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....



20\$ 73,546,001.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,
24 as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi
25 Code of 1972.....\$ 15,961,151.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,047,736,695.00.

29 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
30 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
31 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 9,590,454.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,238,807,477.00.

34 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
35 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special
36 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or
37 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following
38 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending
39 June 30, 2021, as follows:

40 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
41 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
42 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
43 Division.....\$ 902,791,576.00.



44 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
45 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
46 Division of the State Department of Education.....
47\$ 20,981,914.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
50 Program.....\$ 238,269,249.00.

51 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
52 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
53 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 2,158,848.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 1,164,201,587.00.

56 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
57 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars
58 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is
59 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
60 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of
61 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
62 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing
63 vision safety services.

64 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
65 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are
66 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
67 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
68 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:



69 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the
70 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for
71 the following purposes:

72	Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....\$	6,333,806.00.
73	Educable Child.....\$	7,000,000.00.
74	Grants to school districts for capital 75 facilities and buses.....\$	16,000,000.00.
76	Instructional materials.....\$	12,000,000.00.
77	Students with Special Needs.....\$	1,800,000.00.
78	Implementing Performance Based Data 79 Collection and Accreditation 80 Model.....\$	274,937.00.
81	Testing.....\$	6,125,670.00.
82	Mississippi School for Math 83 and Science.....\$	125,000.00.
84	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.....\$	125,000.00.
85	TOTAL.....\$	49,784,413.00.

86 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
87 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
88\$ 4,937,258.00.

89 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
90 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
91\$ 218,269,249.00.



92 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
93 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
94 the Mississippi School for the Deaf.....\$ 1,207,037.00.

95 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the
96 following positions are authorized for the State Department of
97 Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical
98 Education Division:

99 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

100	Permanent:	Full Time.....	330
101		Part Time.....	3
102	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	162
103		Part Time.....	0

104 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
105 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
106 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
107 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
108 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2021
109 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
110 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
111 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
112 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
113 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
114 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
115 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
116 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification, or



117 realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special
118 situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the
119 agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly
120 report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the
121 chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency
122 Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the
123 chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House
124 of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
125 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
126 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations
127 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
128 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
129 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
130 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
131 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
132 or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
133 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
134 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
135 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
136 requirements of this provision are met.

137 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
138 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
139 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
140 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
141 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The



142 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
143 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
144 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
145 appropriated level.

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

150 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
151 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
152 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
153 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

154 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
155 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
156 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
157 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
158 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,
159 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
160 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
161 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
162 below:

163		FY2021
164	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
165	Special Education	
166	Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,248



167	Gifted Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	805
168	Increase percentage of children with	
169	disabilities in general education early	
170	childhood programs while decreasing the	
171	percentage in self-contained special	
172	education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
173	General Administration	
174	Total Dollars Spent on General	
175	Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
176	Total Budget Spent on General	
177	Administration (%)	18.58
178	Create a public-facing data system for	
179	all stakeholders (%)	100.00
180	Create a user-friendly website for the	
181	public and school districts to access	
182	data to make decisions (%)	100.00
183	Create a roadmap to improve the	
184	Mississippi Student Information System	
185	(%)	100.00
186	Publish research results to support	
187	improved student outcomes and teacher	
188	effectiveness (Number of)	9
189	Graduation & Career Readiness	
190	Increase the percentage of students	
191	graduating from high school ready for	



192	college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
193	Early Childhood Education	
194	Increase percentage of kindergarten	
195	students achieving end-of-year target	
196	score on Kindergarten Readiness	
197	post-test (%)	68.88
198	Increase the percentage of Early	
199	Learning Collaborative sites meeting	
200	required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
201	Increase number of students enrolled in	
202	Title I or locally funded pre-K classes	
203	(Number of)	8,022
204	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
205	Increase the percentage of districts	
206	reporting Professional Growth System	
207	(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders	
208	(%)	79.00
209	Increase the number of licensed, diverse	
210	teachers and leaders (Number of)	46
211	Increase the percentage of teacher	
212	candidates passing licensure exams on	
213	the first attempt (%)	12.00
214	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
215	and non-certified teachers in schools	
216	that are High Poverty (%)	22.00



217	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
218	and non-certified teachers in schools	
219	that are High Minority (%)	2.00
220	Elementary Education	
221	Increase the percentage of students who	
222	pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at	
223	the first administration in each	
224	subgroup (%)	80.00
225	Secondary Education	
226	Increase the percentage of students	
227	participating in and passing Advanced	
228	Placement (AP), International	
229	Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams	
230	in each subgroup (%)	37.00
231	Increase the percentage of students	
232	ready for college as measured by meeting	
233	ACT benchmarks in each content area	
234	(public school class data, grade 11) (%)	11.00
235	Assessment & Development	
236	Increase the percentage of students	
237	proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide	
238	assessments (grades 3-8) and high	
239	school composite) in each subgroup (%)	50.07
240	Decrease the percentage of students	
241	scoring levels 1-3 on statewide	



242	assessments in each subgroup (%)	49.93
243	Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten	
244	students in public schools attaining	
245	kindergarten readiness on the pre-K	
246	end-of-year assessment (%)	72.00
247	School Performance	
248	Increase the percentage of schools rated	
249	"C" or higher (%)	77.00
250	Increase the percentage of districts	
251	rated "C" or higher (%)	72.90
252	Increase the percentage of students	
253	demonstrating growth on statewide ELA	
254	assessments in each subgroup (%)	65.63
255	Increase the percentage of students	
256	demonstrating growth on statewide Math	
257	assessments in each subgroup (%)	64.43
258	Increase the percentage of students	
259	participating in dual credit in each	
260	subgroup (%)	50.00
261	Increase the percentage of students	
262	passing dual credit in each subgroup (%)	98.00
263	Increase the growth of D and F districts	
264	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
265	letter grade and/or increasing the	
266	number of points within a letter grade	



267 (%) 76.00

268 Increase the growth of D and F schools
269 demonstrating growth, by improving the
270 letter grade and/or increasing the
271 number of points within a letter grade

272 (%) 70.00

273 Increase the growth of Districts of
274 Transformation by improving the letter
275 grade and/or increasing the number of
276 points within a letter grade (%) 100.00

277 Increase the growth of schools under
278 Districts of Transformation by improving
279 the letter grade and/or increasing the
280 number of points within a letter grade

281 (%) 100.00

282 Decrease the number of high schools

283 rated D or F (Number of) 55

284 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
285 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
286 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
287 Committee for Fiscal Year 2022.

288 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,
289 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
290 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
291 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,



292 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
293 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
294 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
295 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

296 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
297 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
298 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
299 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
300 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
301 Division.

302 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
303 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
304 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
305 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
306 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
307 the School for Math and Science.

308 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
309 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
310 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
311 Department of Education:

312 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

313	Permanent:	Full Time.....	49
314		Part Time.....	0
315	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	5
316		Part Time.....	0



317 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
318 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
319 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
320 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
321 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2021
322 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
323 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
324 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
325 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
326 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
327 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
328 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
329 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification, or
330 realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special
331 situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the
332 agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly
333 report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the
334 chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency
335 Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the
336 chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House
337 of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
338 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
339 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations
340 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
341 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the



342 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
343 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
344 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
345 or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
346 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
347 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
348 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
349 requirements of this provision are met.

350 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
351 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
352 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
353 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
354 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
355 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
356 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
357 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
358 appropriated level.

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

363 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
364 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
365 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
366 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.



367 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
368 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
369 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
370 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
371 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
372 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

373 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
374 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
375 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
376 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
377 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
378 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
379 soil conservation equipment.

380 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more
381 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is
382 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of
383 America Center.

384 **SECTION 14.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
385 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
386 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
387 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
388 improper expenditure, for the following:

389 Detention Centers.....	\$	900,000.00.
390 Dubard School.....	\$	575,000.00.
391 Dyslexia Program.....	\$	225,000.00.



392	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$ 700,000.00.
393	Stride.....	\$ 600,000.00.
394	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$ 800,000.00.
395	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 500,000.00.
396	Principal Corp.....	\$ 300,000.00.
397	Sight Savers.....	\$ 300,000.00.
398	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,500,000.00.
399	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 100,000.00.
400	USM-Autism Program.....	\$ 40,000.00.
401	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$ 574,032.00.
402	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 225,000.00.
403	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 725,000.00.
404	Save the Children.....	\$ 100,000.00.
405	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$ 112,500.00.
406	Microsoft IT Academy.....	\$ 200,000.00.
407	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$ 175,000.00.
408	CampusKnot.....	\$ 75,000.00.
409	Mastery Prep.....	\$ 100,000.00.
410	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.....	\$ 200,000.00.
411	Total.....	\$ 9,026,532.00.

412 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
413 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
414 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
415 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
416 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi



417 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
418 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.
419 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
420 College and Career Standards.

421 Of the funds appropriated in this Section, an amount not to
422 exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) shall be used for a
423 certification pilot program for agriculture. Of the funds
424 appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed Three
425 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be distributed to the
426 Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used
427 for computer science programs development and teacher training for
428 elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the
429 purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including
430 both academic and career and technical education programs,
431 developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the
432 State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in
433 the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer
434 science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi
435 Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career
436 Standards.

437 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
438 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
439 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
440 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
441 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution



442 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
443 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
444 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
445 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
446 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
447 Year 1985.

448 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
449 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
450 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
451 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2021 shall be Five Thousand Eight
452 Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars and Thirty-five Cents (\$5,829.35).

453 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
454 of this act, the following positions are authorized for the
455 Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for
456 the Deaf:

457 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

458	Permanent:	Full Time.....	181
459		Part Time.....	18
460	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	1
461		Part Time.....	0

462 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
463 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
464 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not
465 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
466 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2021



467 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
468 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
469 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
470 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
471 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
472 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
473 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
474 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification, or
475 realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special
476 situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the
477 agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly
478 report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the
479 chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency
480 Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the
481 chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House
482 of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
483 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
484 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations
485 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
486 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
487 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
488 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
489 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
490 or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
491 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the



492 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
493 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
494 requirements of this provision are met.

495 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
496 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
497 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
498 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
499 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
500 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
501 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
502 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
503 appropriated level.

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

508 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
509 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
510 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
511 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

512 **SECTION 19.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
513 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
514 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
515 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
516 increment.



517 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
518 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
519 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
520 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
521 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
522 2020. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
523 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to the
524 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
525 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
526 Fiscal Year 2021 budget request process for each agency and
527 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

528 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the
529 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million
530 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for
531 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Five Hundred Fifty
532 Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) shall be used for the World Class
533 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers
534 seeking National Board Certification.

535 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
536 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
537 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
538 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
539 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child
540 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
541 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state



542 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
543 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts
544 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the
545 Office of the Governor.

546 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
547 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
548 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.
549 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship
550 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department
551 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

552 **SECTION 24.** The public school districts of the state are
553 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
554 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
555 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
556 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
557 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
558 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
559 this purpose.

560 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
561 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
562 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
563 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
564 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
565 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



566 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
567 made without competitive bids.

568 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
569 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred
570 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the
571 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance
572 Officers.

573 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
574 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand
575 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
576 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
577 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is
578 provided from the Department of Health.

579 **SECTION 28.** The State Department of Education shall contract
580 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
581 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
582 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
583 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
584 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
585 calculating the estimates of these components due to the
586 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
587 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
588 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding
589 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
590 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2021.



591 **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
592 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
593 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
594 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

595 **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
596 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
597 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
598 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
599 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health
600 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
601 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

602 **SECTION 31.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
603 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under
604 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the
605 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a
606 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

607 **SECTION 32.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
608 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
609 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
610 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
611 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
612 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
613 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending
614 June 30, 2021. The school districts receiving these loans shall



615 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
616 loan on or before June 30, 2021.

617 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
618 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
619 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2020.

620 **SECTION 34.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
621 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
622 local funds for implementation of the program.

623 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
624 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
625 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
626 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)
627 may be used for training and administrative costs related to
628 oversight and auditing of the program.

629 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
630 Million Seven Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Four Hundred
631 Seventy-Four Dollars (\$7,789,474.00) is provided for an Early
632 Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be
633 provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2021 as
634 follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
635 (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One
636 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a
637 half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section
638 37-21-51.



639 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
640 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred
641 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative
642 and Assessment.

643 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
644 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
645 of the state accountability model.

646 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
647 Million Five Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Eleven
648 Dollars (\$2,584,411.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School
649 of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand
650 Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,727,470.00) shall be used for the
651 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the
652 intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in
653 Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million
654 Two Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars
655 (\$1,292,206.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10,
656 2020, and One Million Two Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred
657 Five Dollars (\$1,292,205.00) shall be paid no later than January
658 10, 2021. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the
659 Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each
660 month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received
661 by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the
662 Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the
663 appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi



664 School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
665 Science.

666 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and
667 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is
668 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
669 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
670 1972.

671 **SECTION 41.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
672 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
673 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of
674 Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of
675 Capital Expense Fund, as authorized in HB 1643, 2019 Regular
676 Session to provide for courses, curriculum and training and exam
677 costs including Advanced Placement, dual credit, International
678 Baccalaureate, Cambridge, diploma endorsements (career and
679 technical, academic and distinguished academic) and WorkKeys, for
680 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021..
681\$ 1,000,000.00.

682 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
683 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
684 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2020.

685 **SECTION 42.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
686 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
687 not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the
688 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as



689 authorized in HB 1643, 2019 Regular Session to provide for agency
690 operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending
691 June 30, 2021.....\$ 4,700,000.00.

692 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
693 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
694 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2020.

695 **SECTION 43.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
696 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
697 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
698 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
699 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
700 officers in the manner provided by law.

701 **SECTION 44.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
702 eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year
703 of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m),
704 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of
705 experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

706 **SECTION 45.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
707 and after July 1, 2020.

