

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

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 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022,
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.....\$ 153,453,928.00.

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\$ 76,646,563.00.

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.....\$ 19,576,109.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28\$ 2,053,829,447.00.

29 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
30 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,303,506,047.00.

31 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
32 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special
33 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or
34 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following
35 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
36 June 30, 2022, as follows:

37 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
38 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
39 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
40 Division.....\$ 1,965,301,707.00.

41 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
42 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
43 Division of the State Department of Education.....
44\$ 21,692,238.00.



45 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
46 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
47 Program.....\$ 245,112,197.00.

48 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
49 BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,232,106,142.00.

50 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
51 Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars
52 (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is
53 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
54 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of
55 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
56 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing
57 vision safety services.

58 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
59 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are
60 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
61 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
62 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

63 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the
64 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for
65 the following purposes:

66 Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....\$ 6,805,774.00
67 Educable Child.....\$ 7,000,000.00
68 Grants to school districts for
69 capital facilities and buses.....\$ 16,000,000.00



70	Instructional materials.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
71	Students with Special Needs.....	\$ 1,800,000.00
72	Implementing Performance-Based Data	
73	Collection and Accreditation	
74	Model.....	\$ 274,937.00
75	Testing.....	\$ 6,125,670.00
76	Mississippi School for Math and	
77	Science.....	\$ 125,000.00
78	Mississippi School for Fine Arts.	\$ 125,000.00
79	Early Learning Collaboratives.....	\$ 8,210,526.00
80	Early Learning Coaches.....	\$ 1,500,000.00
81	Math Coaches.....	\$ 5,000,000.00
82	WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, dual	
83	credit, International Baccalaureate,	
84	Cambridge, diploma	
85	endorsements.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
86	Mississippi Student Information	
87	System.....	\$ 7,649,540.00
88	Vocational Technical Grants.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
89	Mississippi School for the Deaf	
90	and Blind.....	\$ 1,207,037.00
91	TOTAL.....	\$ 83,823,484.00
92	(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the	
93	expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....	
94	\$ 5,637,258.00.



95 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
96 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
97\$ 225,112,197.00.

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

102 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

103	Permanent:	Full Time.....	314
104		Part Time.....	3
105	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	162
106		Part Time.....	0

107 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
108 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
109 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not
110 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
111 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022
112 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
113 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
114 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
115 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
116 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
117 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
118 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
119 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If

120 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or
121 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and
122 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each
123 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of
124 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
125 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the
126 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
127 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
128 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
129 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations
130 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
131 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
132 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
133 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
134 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
135 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
136 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
137 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
138 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
139 requirements of this provision are met.

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



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

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

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

157 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
158 implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff
159 State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and
160 ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to
161 make certain that each person, excluding executive directors,
162 agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3%
163 annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate
164 established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel
165 Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each
166 classification.

167 **SECTION 6.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
168 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
169 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be



170 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 171 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,
 172 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
 173 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
 174 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
 175 below:

176	FY2022
177 <u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
178 Special Education	
179 Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,188
180 Gifted Education teachers (Number of)	805
181 Increase percentage of children with	
182 disabilities in general education early	
183 childhood programs while decreasing the	
184 percentage in self-contained special	
185 education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
186 General Administration	
187 Total Dollars Spent on General	
188 Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
189 Total Budget Spent on General	
190 Administration (%)	18.58
191 Create a public-facing data system for	
192 all stakeholders (%)	100.00
193 Create a user-friendly website for the	
194 public and school districts to access	



195	data to make decisions (%)	100.00
196	Create a roadmap to improve the	
197	Mississippi Student Information System	
198	(%)	100.00
199	Publish research results to support	
200	improved student outcomes and teacher	
201	effectiveness (Number of)	9
202	Graduation & Career Readiness	
203	Increase the percentage of students	
204	graduating from high school ready for	
205	college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
206	Early Childhood Education	
207	Increase percentage of kindergarten	
208	students achieving end-of-year target	
209	score on Kindergarten Readiness	
210	post-test (%)	68.88
211	Increase the percentage of Early	
212	Learning Collaborative sites meeting	
213	required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
214	Increase number of students enrolled in	
215	Title I or locally funded pre-K classes	
216	(Number of)	8,022
217	Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
218	Increase the percentage of districts	
219	reporting Professional Growth System	



220	(PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders	
221	(%)	80.00
222	Increase the number of licensed, diverse	
223	teachers and leaders (Number of)	31
224	Increase the percentage of teacher	
225	candidates passing licensure exams on	
226	the first attempt (%)	51.08
227	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
228	and non-certified teachers in schools	
229	that are High Poverty (%)	25.00
230	Reduce the proportion of inexperienced	
231	and non-certified teachers in schools	
232	that are High Minority (%)	24.00
233	Elementary Education	
234	Increase the percentage of students who	
235	pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at	
236	the first administration in each	
237	subgroup (%)	80.00
238	Secondary Education	
239	Increase the number of students	
240	participating in and passing Advanced	
241	Placement (AP), International	
242	Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams	
243	in each subgroup (Number of)	37.00
244	Increase the percentage of students	



245	ready for college as measured by meeting	
246	ACT benchmarks in each content area	
247	(public school class data, grade 11)	
248	(Number of)	11.00
249	Assessment & Development	
250	Increase the percentage of students	
251	proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide	
252	assessments (grades 3-8 and high school	
253	composite) in each subgroup	50.07
254	Decrease the percentage of students	
255	scoring levels 1-3 on statewide	
256	assessments in each subgroup	49.93
257	Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten	
258	students in public schools attaining	
259	kindergarten readiness on the pre-K	
260	end-of-year assessment	72.00
261	School Performance	
262	Increase the percentage of schools rated	
263	"C" or higher	77.00
264	Increase the percentage of districts	
265	rated "C" or higher	72.90
266	Increase the percentage of students	
267	demonstrating growth on statewide ELA	
268	assessments in each subgroup	65.63
269	Increase the percentage of students	



270	demonstrating growth on statewide Math	
271	assessments in each subgroup	64.43
272	Increase the percentage of students	
273	participating in dual credit in each	
274	subgroup	50.00
275	Increase the percentage of students	
276	passing dual credit in each subgroup	98.00
277	Increase the growth of D and F districts	
278	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
279	letter grade and/or increasing the	
280	number of points within a letter grade	76.00
281	Increase the growth of D and F schools	
282	demonstrating growth, by improving the	
283	letter grade and/or increasing the	
284	number of points within a letter grade	70.00
285	Increase the growth of Districts of	
286	Transformation by improving the letter	
287	grade and/or increasing the number of	
288	points within a letter grade	100.00
289	Increase the growth of schools under	
290	Districts of Transformation by improving	
291	the letter grade and/or increasing the	
292	number of points within a letter grade	100.00
293	Decrease the number of high schools	
294	rated D or F	55



295 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
296 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
297 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
298 Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

299 **SECTION 7.** No school district shall expend any funds,
300 received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such
301 school district has specifically identified the amount of the
302 grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9,
303 Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the
304 following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as
305 a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the
306 Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

307 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
308 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
309 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
310 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
311 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
312 the School for Math and Science.

313 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
314 this act, the following positions are authorized for the
315 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
316 Department of Education:

317 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

318	Permanent:	Full Time.....	48
319		Part Time.....	0



320 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 5
321 Part Time..... 0

322 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
323 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be
324 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not
325 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless
326 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022
327 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by
328 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
329 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
330 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
331 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the
332 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,
333 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise
334 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If
335 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or
336 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and
337 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each
338 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of
339 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
340 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the
341 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
342 Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency
343 head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this
344 projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations



345 for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of
346 escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the
347 agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State
348 Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action
349 which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost
350 or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level,
351 when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the
352 projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be
353 processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the
354 requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

368 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
369 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating



370 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
371 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

372 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
373 implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff
374 State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and
375 ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to
376 make certain that each person, excluding executive directors,
377 agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3%
378 annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate
379 established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel
380 Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each
381 classification.

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

388 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
389 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
390 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
391 Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
392 (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
393 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
394 soil conservation equipment.



395 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more
396 than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is
397 provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of
398 America Center.

399 **SECTION 13.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
400 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
401 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
402 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
403 improper expenditure, for the following:

404	Detention Centers.....	\$ 1,200,000.00.
405	Dubard School.....	\$ 627,000.00.
406	Dyslexia Program.....	\$ 225,000.00.
407	Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.....	\$ 600,000.00.
408	Stride.....	\$ 600,000.00.
409	Amplify Data Coaching.....	\$ 800,000.00.
410	Magnolia Speech School.....	\$ 800,000.00.
411	Principal Corp.....	\$ 200,000.00.
412	Sight Savers.....	\$ 300,000.00.
413	Teach for America.....	\$ 1,250,000.00.
414	Teacher Corp.....	\$ 200,000.00.
415	Children's Center for Comm & Develop.....	\$ 734,000.00.
416	Vision Screening Research.....	\$ 225,000.00.
417	Algebra Nation.....	\$ 775,000.00.
418	Save the Children.....	\$ 125,000.00.
419	Mississippi Construction Education Program.....	\$ 212,500.00.



420	T. K. Martin Center.....	\$	25,000.00.
421	Jumpstart ACT.....	\$	200,000.00.
422	Mastery Prep.....	\$	150,000.00.
423	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.....	\$	200,000.00.
424	Total.....	\$	9,448,500.00.

425 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
426 not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
427 (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for
428 agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic
429 engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi
430 Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and
431 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education.
432 All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or
433 College and Career Standards.

434 Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to
435 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to
436 the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and
437 used for computer science programs development and teacher
438 training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools
439 for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula,
440 including both academic and career and technical education
441 programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working
442 with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher
443 Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for
444 computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018



445 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College
446 and Career Standards.

447 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
448 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
449 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
450 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
451 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
452 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
453 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
454 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
455 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
456 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
457 Year 1985.

458 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
459 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
460 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
461 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2022 shall be Five Thousand Eight
462 Hundred Seventy-four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$5,874.08).

463 **SECTION 17.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
464 intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and
465 academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the
466 Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual
467 increment.

468 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
469 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and



470 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
471 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
472 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
473 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
474 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the
475 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
476 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
477 Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and
478 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

479 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the
480 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million
481 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for
482 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred
483 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class
484 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers
485 seeking National Board Certification.

486 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
487 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
488 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
489 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
490 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child
491 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
492 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state
493 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
494 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts



495 made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the
496 Office of the Governor.

497 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
498 Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
499 shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program.
500 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship
501 Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department
502 of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

503 **SECTION 22.** The public school districts of the state are
504 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
505 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
506 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
507 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
508 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
509 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
510 this purpose.

511 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
512 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
513 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
514 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
515 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
516 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
517 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
518 made without competitive bids.



519 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
520 than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred
521 Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the
522 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance
523 Officers.

524 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
525 intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand
526 Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary
527 Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The
528 amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is
529 provided from the Department of Health.

530 **SECTION 26.** The State Department of Education shall contract
531 with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the
532 Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student
533 cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on
534 programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7,
535 Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for
536 calculating the estimates of these components due to the
537 Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the
538 final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the
539 Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding
540 of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of
541 Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2022.

542 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
543 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars



544 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
545 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

546 **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
547 State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for
548 students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
549 Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be
550 waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health
551 Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred
552 Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

553 **SECTION 29.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each
554 eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under
555 Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the
556 full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a
557 prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

558 **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
559 Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or
560 special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars
561 (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of
562 providing funds to school districts through the Emergency
563 Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code
564 of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
565 June 30, 2022. The school districts receiving these loans shall
566 repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the
567 loan on or before June 30, 2022.



568 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven
569 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the
570 Board of Health no later than December 31, 2021.

571 **SECTION 32.** Any school district receiving funds through Save
572 the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from
573 local funds for implementation of the program.

574 **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
575 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi
576 Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant
577 program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%)
578 may be used for training and administrative costs related to
579 oversight and auditing of the program.

580 **SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
581 Section 2(a), Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is provided
582 for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding
583 shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year
584 2022 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
585 (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One
586 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a
587 half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section
588 37-21-51.

589 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and
590 Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred
591 Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative
592 and Assessment.



593 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is
594 provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion
595 of the state accountability model.

596 **SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two
597 Million Six Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars
598 (\$2,601,918.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the
599 Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Seven
600 Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$3,758,733.00) shall be used for the
601 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the
602 intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in
603 Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million
604 Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars
605 (\$1,300,959.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10,
606 2021, and One Million Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred
607 Five-nine Dollars (\$1,300,959.00) shall be paid no later than
608 January 10, 2022. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the
609 Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each
610 month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received
611 by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the
612 Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the
613 appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi
614 School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
615 Science.

616 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and
617 Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is



618 provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified
619 students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of
620 1972.

621 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, the
622 following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind
623 and Deaf: \$9,697,547.00 from Section 1(a), \$1,207,037.00 from
624 Section 4(a), and \$2,159,725.00 from Section 2(a).

625 **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an
626 amount not to exceed Fifty-one Million Four Hundred Twenty
627 Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$51,420,627.00) shall
628 be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public
629 school district in the state for an annual salary increase of One
630 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or One Thousand One Hundred Ten
631 Dollars (\$1,110.00) as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedule
632 in House Bill 852, 2021 Regular Session, for each state funded
633 certified teacher, teacher assistant, reading and librarian aide,
634 counselor and librarian, excluding non-instructional personnel and
635 administrators, for the 2021-2022 school year, and school years
636 thereafter.

637 **SECTION 41.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
638 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
639 not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the
640 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as
641 authorized in HB 1700, 2020 Regular Session to provide for agency



642 operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
643 June 30, 2022.....\$ 4,700,000.00.

644 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
645 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
646 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

647 **SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an
648 amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Ninety-four Two
649 Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$4,594,291.00) is authorized to fully
650 fund the contract between the Department of Education and the
651 Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund
652 career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and
653 career and technical assessments.

654 **SECTION 43.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
655 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
656 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
657 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
658 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
659 officers in the manner provided by law.

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

665 **SECTION 45.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
666 and after July 1, 2021.



**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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 2022.

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