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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE
2 DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVING AS
3 THE FISCAL AGENT, TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
4 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND
5 INDUSTRY PARTNERS FOR SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT,
6 SUPPLIES, AND BELATED EXPENSES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT SUCH
7 SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS AND TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF
8 TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE, SO THAT EMPLOYEES AND
9 OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
10 EMERGENCY CAN BE MORE COMPETITIVE AND TRAINED FOR THE JOB MARKET
11 THAT EMERGES AFTER THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, FOR ON
12 THE JOB TRAINING AND FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; AND FOR
13 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
16 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
17 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
18 Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment
19 Security serving as the fiscal agent, for the purposes described
20 in Section 2 of this act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
21 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 60,000,000.00.



22 **SECTION 2.** (1) Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00)
23 of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security
24 under Section 1 of this act shall be distributed as follows:

25 (a) For direct training and related expenses for
26 workforce development efforts related to health care at the
27 community and junior colleges, including, but not limited to,
28 outreach and recruitment, awareness and interest-building, and
29 training program expansion for certified nursing assistants,
30 nurses and home-health providers; increasing opportunities for
31 certified nursing assistants to become nurses; and first responder
32 training, especially for first responders who offer initial care
33 at rural home emergencies or automobile accidents.

34 (b) For direct training and related expenses for
35 workforce development efforts related to emerging sectors,
36 including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment, awareness
37 and interest-building, and training program expansion for
38 horizon-thinking programs such as advanced manufacturing, drone,
39 cyber, fiber, electric vehicles and data analytics and management.

40 (c) For direct training and related expenses for
41 workforce development efforts related to logistics and supply
42 chain, including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment,
43 awareness and interest-building, and training program expansion
44 for commercial driver's licenses, warehousing, shipping and
45 similar essential programs that support product transportation and
46 delivery.



47 (d) For direct training and related expenses for
48 workforce development efforts related to specific populations,
49 including, but not limited to, outreach to, investment in, and
50 training for military personnel, single parents, currently and
51 formerly incarcerated individuals, underemployed individuals, and
52 individuals with disabilities; work with existing nonpublic
53 partners and state agencies to provide wrap-around supportive
54 services, such as child care and transportation, for individuals
55 who have a desire to work.

56 (e) For the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce
57 Development Program created in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular
58 Session.

59 (f) To be retained by the department for program
60 monitoring and evaluation, administrative fees, third-party
61 accounting as needed, and the deployment of an ecosystem workforce
62 development model by the Office of Workforce Development to
63 support effective implementation of the activities described in
64 subsection (1) paragraphs (a) through (e), subsection (2) and
65 subsection (3) of this Section 2.

66 (2) Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of the money
67 appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under
68 Section 1 of this act shall be for the Mississippi Health Sciences
69 Training Infrastructure Grant Program created in House Bill No.
70 1006, 2022 Regular Session. It is the intent of the Legislature
71 that this program result in the retention of at least fifty



72 percent (50%) of osteopathic medical school graduates within the
73 State of Mississippi.

74 (3) Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) of the money
75 appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under
76 Section 1 of this act shall be for the career coaching program
77 created in House Bill No. 1388, 2022 Regular Session.

78 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of
79 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Employment
80 Security.

81 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated
82 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an
83 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in
84 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
85 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as
86 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
87 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,
88 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or
89 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of
90 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not
91 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in
92 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,
93 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal
94 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In
95 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated
96 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit



97 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the
98 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal
99 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient
100 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
101 requirements.

102 (3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this
103 act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

104 **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
105 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, receiving
106 entities shall certify to the department, and the department shall
107 certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each
108 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this
109 act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations
110 and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the
111 United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of
112 monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
113 established by ARPA.

114 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
115 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
116 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
117 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by
118 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended
119 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department
120 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the
121 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as



122 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department
123 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus
124 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State
125 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any
126 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined
127 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or
128 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or
129 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
130 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
131 the federal government.

132 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
133 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State
134 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
135 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
136 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
137 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

138 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
139 and after July 1, 2022.

