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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1607

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND
3 COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the
8 Mississippi Broadband Commission, for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
11\$ 0.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
13 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

14 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	0
16		Part Time.....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
18		Part Time.....	0



19 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
20 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
26 Mississippi Broadband Commission shall maintain complete
27 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
28 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
29 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
30 Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
31 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be
32 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
33 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
34 provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

35 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
36 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
37 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
38 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
39 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
40 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
41 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
42 made without competitive bids.



43 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
44 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
45 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
46 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
47 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
48 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
49 actions contrary to this provision.

50 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
51 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

