

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2780  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN  
2 TRANSFERS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023 FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND,  
3 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND, CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND -  
4 ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL SPECIAL FUND,  
5 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL FUND,  
6 SECRETARY OF STATE HELP MISSISSIPPI VOTE FUND AND STATE GENERAL  
7 FUND TO OTHER FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO CREATE THE  
8 "CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND" AS A SPECIAL  
9 FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
10 AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GOVERNMENT  
11 SERVICES; TO CREATE THE 2022 MAINTENANCE PROJECT FUND, THE 2022  
12 CAPACITY PROJECT FUND, THE 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH FUND AND THE  
13 2022 EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AS SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE  
14 TREASURY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
15 FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES; TO CREATE THE "INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
16 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION WITH FUNDS  
18 APPROPRIATED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO  
19 PROVIDE THAT SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE  
20 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS; TO PRESCRIBE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THE  
21 GRANT PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE GRANT  
22 APPLICATION REGULATIONS; TO SET THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS  
23 THAT MAY BE AWARDED TO ANY ELIGIBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL; TO AMEND  
24 SECTION 19-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE  
25 EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITATIONS ON COUNTY EXPENDITURES DURING THE LAST  
26 YEAR OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO ALLOW  
27 EXPENDITURES FOR CERTAIN ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS; TO AMEND  
28 SECTION 77-5-907, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT  
29 CERTAIN FEES DEPOSITED INTO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF REGULATION  
30 FUND SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BROADBAND EXPANSION AND  
31 ACCESSIBILITY OF MISSISSIPPI (BEAM) FUND; TO AMEND SECTION  
32 57-1-601, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS FOR MAIN  
33 STREET GRANTS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER



34 FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK  
35 MATCHING ASSISTANCE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

37 **SECTION 1.** During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer  
38 shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense  
39 Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

40 FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
41 Mississippi Historic Site		
42 Preservation Fund	3348400000	\$ 2,000,000.00
43 Mississippi Ports		
44 Improvement Fund	6343322100	\$ 10,000,000.00
45 Victims of Human Trafficking		
46 and Commercial Sexual		
47 Exploitation Fund	3307800000	\$ 2,500,000.00
48 Mississippi Land, Water,		
49 and Timber Resources Fund	634WC00000	\$ 2,500,000.00
50 MDOT 2022 Maintenance Project		
51 Fund created in this act		\$ 45,000,000.00
52 MDOT 2022 Capacity Project		
53 Fund created in this act		\$ 35,000,000.00
54 MDOT 2022 Infrastructure Match		
55 Fund created in this act		\$ 40,000,000.00
56 MDOT 2022 Emergency Road and		
57 Bridge Fund created in this act		<u>\$100,000,000.00</u>
58 TOTAL		\$237,000,000.00



59           **SECTION 2.** During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer  
60 shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Coronavirus State  
61 Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 6821113000) to each of the  
62 following named funds:

63 FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
64 Coronavirus State Fiscal 65 Recovery Lost Revenue Fund 66 created in this act		\$ 55,000,000.00
67 Mississippi Association of 68 Independent Colleges and 69 Universities (MAICU) Grant 70 Program Fund created in Senate 71 Bill No. 2700, 2022 Regular 72 Session		<u>\$ 10,000,000.00</u>
73 TOTAL		\$ 65,000,000.00

74           **SECTION 3.** During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer  
75 shall transfer the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from  
76 the Capital Expense Fund - Archives and History (Fund No.  
77 6447C00000) to Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund (Fund  
78 No. 3348400000).

79           **SECTION 4.** During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer  
80 shall transfer the sum of Eight Thousand Eighty-six Dollars and  
81 Ninety-five Cents (\$8,086.95) from the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
82 Special Fund (Fund No. 331960000) and the sum of Eight Thousand  
83 Six Hundred One Dollars and Sixty-four Cents (\$8,601.64) from the



84 Department of Revenue General Administration Special Fund (Fund  
85 No. 3319700000) to the Sales Tax Fees Fund (Fund No. 3318100000).

86 **SECTION 5.** During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer  
87 shall transfer the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-three Dollars  
88 (\$623.00) from the Secretary of State Help Mississippi Vote Fund  
89 (Fund No. 3311M00000) to the State General Fund (Fund No.  
90 2999000000).

91 **SECTION 6.** During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer  
92 shall transfer the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00)  
93 from the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the  
94 Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund created by House Bill  
95 No. 606, 2022 Regular Session.

96 **SECTION 7.** There is created in the State Treasury a special  
97 fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
98 Lost Revenue Fund," which shall consist of funds calculated based  
99 on a reduction in the state's general revenue due to the  
100 coronavirus public health emergency, made available through the  
101 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American  
102 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and transferred into the fund by act of  
103 the Legislature. The fund shall be maintained by the State  
104 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from  
105 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in  
106 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
107 State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned  
108 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the



109 fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of  
110 Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature,  
111 for the purpose of providing government services.

112 **SECTION 8.** There is created in the State Treasury a special  
113 fund to be designated as the "2022 Maintenance Project Fund,"  
114 which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in  
115 any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit  
116 into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State  
117 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from  
118 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in  
119 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
120 State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned  
121 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the  
122 fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of  
123 Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide  
124 for maintenance projects by adopting the Pavement Program of the  
125 Three-Year Plan as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation  
126 Commission on Minute Book 105, page 732 and further required by  
127 Section 65-1-141.

128 **SECTION 9.** There is created in the State Treasury a special  
129 fund to be designated as the "2022 Capacity Project Fund," which  
130 shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any  
131 manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into  
132 such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as  
133 a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General



134 Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at  
135 the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General  
136 Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in  
137 the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in  
138 the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon  
139 appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for capacity projects  
140 by adopting the Capacity Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted  
141 by the Mississippi Transportation Commission on Minute Book 105,  
142 page 732 and further required by Section 65-1-141.

143       **SECTION 10.** There is created in the State Treasury a special  
144 fund to be designated as the "2022 Infrastructure Match Fund,"  
145 which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in  
146 any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit  
147 into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State  
148 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from  
149 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in  
150 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
151 State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned  
152 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the  
153 fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of  
154 Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide  
155 for funds necessary to match projected federal funds available  
156 through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Federal  
157 Highway Administration appropriations and from the supplemental  
158 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.



159           **SECTION 11.** There is created in the State Treasury a special  
160 fund to be designated as the "2022 Emergency Road and Bridge  
161 Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the  
162 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
163 designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be  
164 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,  
165 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended  
166 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall  
167 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings  
168 or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to  
169 the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the  
170 Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the  
171 Legislature, for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-179. Of  
172 the monies expended under this section, it is the intention of the  
173 Legislature that the Department of Transportation be excluded from  
174 applying for use of funds in order to give preference to counties  
175 and municipalities.

176           **SECTION 12.** (1) This section shall be known and may be  
177 cited as the "Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program Act  
178 of 2022."

179           (2) There is established the Independent Schools  
180 Infrastructure Grant Program, to be administered by the Department  
181 of Finance and Administration. Under the program, eligible  
182 independent schools may apply for reimbursable grants to make  
183 necessary investments in water, wastewater, stormwater, broadband



184 and other eligible infrastructure projects to be funded by the  
185 Legislature using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made  
186 available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The  
187 program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to  
188 the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

189 (3) The use of grants shall be subject to audit by the  
190 United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector  
191 General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. An  
192 eligible independent school found to be fully or partially  
193 noncompliant with grant requirements shall return to the state all  
194 or a portion of the grant monies received and used for unallowable  
195 expenditures. Applicants shall confirm their understanding of  
196 these terms.

197 (4) For purposes of this section, unless the context  
198 requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings as  
199 defined in this subsection:

200 (a) "Program" means the Independent Schools  
201 Infrastructure Grant Program established under this section.

202 (b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
203 of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social  
204 Security Act.

205 (c) "ARPA funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal  
206 Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the  
207 Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal  
208 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.





209 (d) "Department" means the Department of Finance and  
210 Administration.

211 (e) "Eligible independent school" means any private or  
212 nonpublic school operating within the State of Mississippi that:

213 (i) Is a member of the Midsouth Association of  
214 Independent Schools (MAIS) and located in the State of  
215 Mississippi; or

216 (ii) Is accredited by a state, regional or  
217 national accrediting organization; and

218 (iii) Is not subject to the purview of authority  
219 of the State Board of Education.

220 (5) On or before July 1, 2022, the department shall  
221 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the  
222 program established under this section, including application  
223 procedures and deadlines.

224 (6) Funds under the program shall be awarded for ARPA  
225 eligible projects in the following order:

226 (a) Eligible water, wastewater and stormwater projects  
227 under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State  
228 Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund  
229 (DWSRF) and other eligible water projects allowable by ARPA;

230 (b) Broadband infrastructure projects;

231 (c) Capital investments for prevention, mitigation and  
232 ventilation in congregate living facilities and other key  
233 settings; and



234 (d) Any eligible project through ARPA guidelines,  
235 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
236 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
237 Treasury, excluding premium pay for employees.

238 (7) The governing board of any eligible independent school  
239 may submit an application for grant funds under this section.  
240 Applicants shall certify to the department that each expenditure  
241 of the funds awarded to them by the department under this section  
242 is in compliance with the ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules,  
243 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to  
244 time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding  
245 the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.  
246 Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the  
247 department.

248 (8) An application for a grant under this section shall be  
249 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such  
250 information as the department prescribes. Each application shall  
251 include the following at a minimum: applicant contact  
252 information; project description and type of project; project map;  
253 estimate of the population served by the project; estimated  
254 project cost; estimated project schedule; and readiness to  
255 proceed. The department is authorized to accept additional rounds  
256 of grant proposals for application consideration as needed.

257 (9) Applications shall be reviewed, and the department shall  
258 certify that each project submitted is eligible under ARPA and all



259 applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the  
260 Treasury. For water, wastewater and stormwater projects, the  
261 department must also certify that it is a "necessary investment"  
262 in water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure as defined in  
263 ARPA and all applicable guidance issued by the United States  
264 Department of the Treasury. Grant agreements shall be executed  
265 between the recipient and the department. All final awards shall  
266 be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the  
267 department. Funds shall be made available to a grantee upon the  
268 execution of a grant agreement between the department and the  
269 approved applicant, and the department obtains the necessary  
270 support for reimbursement.

271 (10) Grant funds shall be used prospectively, and grants are  
272 not available to cover the costs of debt incurred before the  
273 effective date of this section.

274 (11) The maximum amount of grant funds that may be awarded  
275 to any eligible independent school under the program is One  
276 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

277 (12) The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative  
278 Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report about  
279 the program. The reports shall contain the applications received,  
280 the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of  
281 grant funds expended by each applicant, and the status of each  
282 applicant's project.



283 (13) Grant funds received under this section must be  
284 obligated no later than December 31, 2024, and must be expended no  
285 later than December 31, 2026. Each grant recipient shall certify  
286 for any project for which a grant is awarded that if the project  
287 is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States  
288 Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the  
289 availability of ARPA funds, then the grant recipient will complete  
290 the project using any other funds available.

291 (14) The department may retain an amount not to exceed Two  
292 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the total funds  
293 allocated to the program to defray its administrative costs.

294 (15) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

295 **SECTION 13.** Section 19-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
296 amended as follows:

297 19-11-27. No board of supervisors of any county shall expend  
298 from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for  
299 road and bridge construction, maintenance and equipment, made and  
300 published by it during the last year of the term of office of such  
301 board, between the first day of October and the first day of the  
302 following January, a sum exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of such item  
303 of the budget made and published by it, except in cases of  
304 emergency. The clerk of any county is prohibited from issuing any  
305 warrant contrary to the provisions of this section. No board of  
306 supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or  
307 equipment in the last six (6) months of their or his term unless



308 or until he has been elected at the general election of that year.  
309 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) \* \* \*  
310 projects of any type that receive monies from the Local System  
311 Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, the Emergency Road  
312 and Bridge Repair Fund, the 2018 Transportation and Infrastructure  
313 Improvement Fund or the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and (ii) to  
314 expenditures \* \* \* on deficient bridges in the State Aid Road  
315 System or the Local System Road Program that have \* \* \* been  
316 deemed to be a deficient bridge as defined in Section 65-37-3 or  
317 to a contract, lease or lease-purchase contract executed pursuant  
318 to the bidding requirements in Section 31-7-13 and approved by a  
319 unanimous vote of the board. Such unanimous vote shall include a  
320 statement indicating the board's proclamation that the award of  
321 the contract is essential to the efficiency and economy of the  
322 operation of the county government. \* \* \*

323 **SECTION 14.** Section 77-5-907, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
324 amended as follows:

325 77-5-907. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
326 special fund to be designated as the "Public Utilities Application  
327 Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the  
328 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
329 designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts  
330 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse  
331 into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or  
332 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the



333 credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used for  
334 administration expenses related to the processing of grants by the  
335 Public Utilities Staff. Any application fee collected under the  
336 grant programs and deposited to the Public Utilities Staff  
337 Regulation Fund before September 1, 2020, shall be transferred to  
338 the \* \* \* Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi  
339 (BEAM) Fund created by House Bill No. 1029, 2022 Regular Session.

340 **SECTION 15.** Section 57-1-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
341 amended as follows:

342 57-1-601. (1) For the purposes of this section, the  
343 following words shall have the following meanings ascribed in this  
344 section, unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

345 (a) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

346 (b) "Municipality" means \* \* \* any municipality with a  
347 population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the  
348 latest federal decennial census at the time the municipality  
349 submits an application to the MDA under this section.

350 (c) "Revitalization zone" means an area in the  
351 municipality officially designated by ordinance or resolution of  
352 the governing authorities of the municipality as a revitalization  
353 zone and approved and certified by the MDA as meeting the  
354 requirements of this section.

355 (2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special  
356 fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Main Street Investment  
357 Grant Fund" which shall consist of funds from any source



358 designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts  
359 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse  
360 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in  
361 the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in  
362 the fund shall be used by the MDA for the purposes authorized in  
363 subsection (3) of this section.

364 (b) Monies in the fund which are derived from the  
365 proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse  
366 reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA in  
367 providing grants under this section through the use of proceeds of  
368 such general obligation bonds. An accounting of actual costs  
369 incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for  
370 the program. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary  
371 costs for assistance shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the  
372 proceeds of bonds issued for such assistance. Reimbursements made  
373 under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law  
374 requirements.

375 (3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants  
376 to \* \* \* a municipality to assist with maintaining and improving  
377 the viability of revitalization zones. The proceeds of a grant  
378 made to \* \* \* a municipality under this section may be used for  
379 maintaining and/or improving the viability of a revitalization  
380 zone through means deemed appropriate by the governing authorities  
381 of \* \* \* a municipality, including, but not limited to, making  
382 loans, grants and/or other forms of assistance to any person or



383 public or private association or other entity for use for  
384 infrastructure projects, improvements to properties, signage and  
385 other purposes related to maintaining and/or improving the  
386 viability of the revitalization zone.

387 (4) (a) If \* \* \* a municipality desires a grant under this  
388 section, the municipality shall submit an application to the MDA  
389 seeking (i) approval and certification of the proposed  
390 revitalization zone and (ii) a grant for the purposes authorized  
391 in this section. The application shall include, at a minimum:

392 1. The name of the proposed revitalization  
393 zone, together with the words, "revitalization zone";

394 2. A description of the revitalization zone  
395 by metes and bounds;

396 3. A map showing the parcels of real property  
397 included in the revitalization zone and the present use of such  
398 parcels;

399 4. A master plan for the revitalization zone  
400 that has been approved by sixty percent (60%) of the property  
401 owners within the zone at the time the municipality submits the  
402 application; and

403 5. Any other information required by the MDA.

404 The governing authorities of \* \* \* a municipality may designate  
405 the boundaries of a proposed revitalization zone by adoption of an  
406 ordinance or resolution that is spread upon its minutes and  
407 describes the boundaries of the zone.





408 (b) The MDA shall review the application to confirm  
409 that the revitalization zone meets the requirements of this  
410 section. A revitalization zone may embrace two (2) or more  
411 separate parcels of real property, and such property may be  
412 publicly and/or privately owned. Each revitalization zone shall  
413 be of such size and form as to include all properties that, in the  
414 determination of the municipality and the MDA, constitute an  
415 integral part of the revitalization zone. If the MDA determines  
416 that the boundaries of the proposed revitalization zone exceed the  
417 area that is reasonably deemed to be integral to the  
418 revitalization zone, the MDA may reduce the boundaries of the  
419 proposed area. Upon the approval and selection of a municipal  
420 revitalization zone project, the MDA shall certify the  
421 revitalization zone.

422 (5) The MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and  
423 administer the program established under this section, and the MDA  
424 shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the  
425 Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the  
426 implementation of this section.

427 **SECTION 16.** Upon the effective date of this act, the State  
428 Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Two Million Dollars  
429 (\$2,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section  
430 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Rural Fire Truck  
431 Matching Assistance Fund created in House Bill 842, 2022 Regular  
432 Session.



433           **SECTION 17.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
434 and after July 1, 2022, except for Section 14, which shall take  
435 effect and be in force from and after the passage of this act.

