

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3113  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF  
2 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY  
3 SERVING AS THE FISCAL AGENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEFRAYING THE  
4 EXPENSES OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES  
5 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON PASSAGE AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
9 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
10 Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment  
11 Security serving as the fiscal agent, for the purposes of  
12 defraying the expenses of certain programs and for certain  
13 administrative fees for the period beginning upon passage and  
14 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 28,000,000.00.

15 **SECTION 2.** (1) Of the money appropriated to the Department  
16 of Employment Security under Section 1 of this act, Twenty-five  
17 Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:



18 (a) For the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce  
19 Development Program created in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular  
20 Session.

21 (b) For grants to entities which provide or otherwise  
22 facilitate in providing individuals enrolled in community  
23 colleges, institutions of higher learning, or other workforce  
24 training programs with wrap-around services which may assist in  
25 their ability to remain enrolled in and graduate from the training  
26 program, including, but not limited to, financial counseling,  
27 childcare, transportation and other similar services provided in  
28 House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular Session.

29 (c) For the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
30 Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act  
31 created in Senate Bill No. 2371, 2023 Regular Session.

32 (d) To be retained by the department for program  
33 monitoring and evaluation, administrative fees, third-party  
34 accounting as needed, and the deployment of an ecosystem workforce  
35 development model by the Office of Workforce Development to  
36 support effective implementation of the activities described in  
37 this section.

38 (2) Of the money appropriated to the Department of  
39 Employment Security under Section 1 of this act, Three Million  
40 Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be for the Accelerate Mississippi  
41 Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program created  
42 in Senate Bill No. 2371, 2023 Regular Session.



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

46           (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
47 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
48 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
49 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
50 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
51 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
52 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
53 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
54 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
55 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
56 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
57 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
58 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
59 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
60 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
61 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
62 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
63 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
64 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
65 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
66 requirements.



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

69 **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
70 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, receiving  
71 entities shall certify to the department, and the department shall  
72 certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each  
73 expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this  
74 act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations  
75 and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the  
76 United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of  
77 monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
78 established by ARPA.

79 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
80 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
81 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
82 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
83 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended  
84 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department  
85 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
86 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
87 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
88 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
89 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
90 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
91 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined



92 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or  
93 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or  
94 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
95 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
96 the federal government.

97         **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
98 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State  
99 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants  
100 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
101 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
102 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

103         **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
104 and after its passage.

