

**Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1626**

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

5           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
8 expenses of the State Department of Health for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
10 .....\$       38,888,421.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in  
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Health  
14 which is comprised of special source funds collected by or  
15 otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of  
16 defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
18 .....\$       505,431,838.00.

19           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Sections 1 and 2, Five Hundred Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred Two  
21 Dollars (\$526,102.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund

22 and Nine Million Two Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Seven Hundred  
23 Eighty-three Dollars (\$9,278,783.00) shall be derived from the  
24 Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section 43-13-407,  
25 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the  
26 State Department of Health. The funds provided in this section  
27 shall be allocated as follows:

28 Maternal and Child Health Care Program.....\$ 1,242,943.00  
29 Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST  
30 Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program  
31 (STEMI) and the Stroke System of Care  
32 Plan.....\$ 100,000.00  
33 Health Department Programs.....\$ 8,461,942.00

34 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act,  
35 Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) is allocated to the  
36 Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments  
37 provided in Section 1, Seven Million Twenty-three Thousand One  
38 Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$7,023,197.00) shall be allocated  
39 for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five  
40 Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be  
41 allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds  
42 are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may  
43 transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of  
44 Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced  
45 reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services,  
46 used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between  
47 the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

48           It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds  
49 authorized herein for the Trauma Care System shall be expended to  
50 the benefit of any hospital located outside the boundaries of the  
51 State of Mississippi, unless otherwise excepted in this paragraph.  
52 Funds shall be expended by the Mississippi Department of Health  
53 for distribution to the Regional Medical Center or Le Bonheur  
54 Children's Hospital at Memphis, located in Memphis, Tennessee, or  
55 the University of South Alabama Medical Center located in Mobile,  
56 Alabama, or the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., located in  
57 Augusta, Georgia, or the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction  
58 Center at Merit Health Central or any affiliates or any other  
59 Level 1 Trauma Center, or Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Center that  
60 participates in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, as determined  
61 by the Mississippi Department of Health.

62           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty  
63 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco  
64 Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi  
65 Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

66           University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer  
67                 Institute.....\$ 4,250,000.00  
68           Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell -  
69                 Mary Sprayberry Public School  
70                 Nurse Program.....\$ 3,060,000.00  
71           Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and  
72                 Tobacco Enforcement Unit.....\$   680,000.00  
73           University of Mississippi Medical Center -

74           A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)  
75           Center.....\$    595,000.00  
76       Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated  
77           Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI) and  
78           Stroke System of Care Plan.....\$    595,000.00  
79       Mississippi Qualified Health  
80           Center Grant Program.....\$  3,400,000.00  
81       Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$  7,420,000.00

82       Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State  
83       Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and  
84       administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as  
85       outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of  
86       1972.

87       **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Four  
88       Million Five Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars  
89       (\$4,502,915.00) shall be allocated as follows:

90       Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated  
91           Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI)  
92           and Stroke System of Care Plan.....\$    279,400.00  
93       Mississippi Qualified Health Center  
94           Grant Program.....\$    4,000,000.00  
95       Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$    223,515.00

96       **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
97       this act, the following positions are authorized:

98       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:  
99           Permanent:                   699

100           Time-Limited:           1,306

101           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
102 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
103 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
104 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
105 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
106 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
107 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
108 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
109 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
110 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
111 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
112 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
113 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
114 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
115 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
116 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

117           Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
118 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
119 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
120 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
121 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
122 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
123 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
124 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
125 appropriated level.

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

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

134 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
135 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
136 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
137 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
138 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
139 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

140 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
141 State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and  
142 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
143 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
144 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
145 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
146 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to  
147 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
148 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
149 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

150 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
151 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of

152 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
 153 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
 154 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 155 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 156 performance measures provided below:

157		FY2024
158	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
159	Health Services	
160	State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000	
161	Live Births)	8.20
162	Percent of Women who Received Prenatal	
163	Care in First Trimester	72.50
164	Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior	
165	to 37 Weeks of Gestation	13.20
166	Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years	
167	(per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	22.60
168	Percent of Newborns with Positive and	
169	Inconclusive Genetic Screens who	
170	Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
171	Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body	
172	Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of	
173	Sex)	39.10
174	Health Protection	
175	Percent of Mississippi Population	
176	Receiving Water From a Public Water	
177	Supply	92.00

178	Percent of Mississippi Population	
179	Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
180	Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma	
181	Centers to Appropriate Facilities for	
182	Treatment (Minutes)	130
183	Communicable Disease	
184	Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case	
185	Rate per 100,000	38.35
186	Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	45
187	Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.40
188	HIV Disease: Number of Cases	442
189	HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	14.93
190	Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully	
191	Immunized (National Immunization Survey:	
192	4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	72.20
193	Tobacco Control	
194	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
195	Middle School Students	2.00
196	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
197	High School Students	4.20
198	Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults	
199	18 Years and Older	20.00
200	Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
201	Time Required for Command Staff to	
202	Report to Emergency Operations Center in	
203	Response to a National or Man-Made	



204	Disaster (Minutes)	30
205	Admin & Support Services	
206	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
207	in an Area Designated as a Health	
208	Professional Shortage Area: Mental	
209	Health	60.00
210	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
211	in an Area Designated as a Health	
212	Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
213	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
214	in an Area Designated as a Health	
215	Professional Shortage Area: Primary	
216	Care	49.00
217	Medical Cannabis	
218	Number of Conditions Added to the List	
219	of Debilitating Medical Conditions	3
220	Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	3,000
221	Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	50
222	Number of Registry Identification Cards	
223	Revoked	20
224	Total Number of Patients with a Registry	
225	Identification Card	3,000
226	Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	65
227	Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	
228	Facilities	0
229	Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing	

230	Facilities	10
231	Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing	
232	Facilities	4
233	Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste	
234	Disposal Entities	12
235	Number of Licensed Cannabis	
236	Transportation Entities	12
237	Percent of Applications Approved	70.00

238 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
239 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
240 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
241 Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

242 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that with  
243 the funds provided herein, the State Department of Health may  
244 provide and administer without charge, Hepatitis B vaccinations to  
245 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who are in need of such  
246 vaccinations through job related exposure.

247 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
248 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
249 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
250 to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems  
251 Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water  
252 System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter  
253 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the  
254 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and

255 Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year  
256 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
257 .....\$ 38,640,146.00.

258 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under Section 11 of  
259 this act, the following positions are authorized:

260 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

261 Permanent: 5

262 Time-Limited: 3

263 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
264 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
265 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
266 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
267 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
268 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
269 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
270 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
271 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
272 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
273 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
274 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
275 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
276 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
277 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
278 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

279 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
280 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or

281 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
282 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
283 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
284 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
285 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
286 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
287 appropriated level.

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

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

296 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
297 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
298 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
299 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
300 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
301 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

302 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
303 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of  
304 Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate  
305 special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These  
306 funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no

307 later than July 31, 2023. The State Department of Health shall  
308 make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the  
309 Department of Human Services.

310 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
311 State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty  
312 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for  
313 providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of  
314 the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and  
315 Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the  
316 genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does  
317 not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may  
318 also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

319 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven  
320 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the  
321 purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related  
322 medical services.

323 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred  
324 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Breast and  
325 Cervical Cancer Program.

326 **SECTION 17.** In addition to all other funds heretofore  
327 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
328 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
329 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
330 expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department  
331 of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
332 June 30, 2024.....\$ 7,243,426.00.

333           **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
334 of Section 17 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

335       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

336           Permanent:                       0

337           Time-Limited:                   34

338       With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
339 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
340 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
341 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
342 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
343 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
344 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
345 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
346 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
347 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
348 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
349 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
350 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
351 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
352 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
353 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

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

359 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
360 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
361 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
362 appropriated level.

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

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

371 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of  
372 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered  
373 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation  
374 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the  
375 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the  
376 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

377 **SECTION 19.** In addition to all other funds heretofore  
378 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
379 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
380 to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised  
381 of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the  
382 department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for  
383 uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the  
384 trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the

385 Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center at Merit Health  
386 Central or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to  
387 out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and  
388 such other provisions necessary to provide burn care for  
389 Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel,  
390 lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses  
391 incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for  
392 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
393 June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

394 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
395 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
396 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
397 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
398 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
399 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
400 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
401 made without competitive bids.

402 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
403 Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service  
404 to receive birth and death certificates.

405 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
406 Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint  
407 Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by  
408 September 15, 2023. This notification will consist of the name of  
409 the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award  
410 amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.



411           **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
412 Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent  
413 in all allowable grants awarded.

414           **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven  
415 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the  
416 Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort  
417 for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be  
418 transferred to the State Department of Health no later than  
419 December 31, 2023. The State Department of Health shall make a  
420 complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department  
421 of Education.

422           **SECTION 25.** The Mississippi Department of Health is  
423 authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer  
424 from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special  
425 source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not  
426 exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls  
427 which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working  
428 cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement.  
429 The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry  
430 past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan  
431 proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be  
432 placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special  
433 fund account. The division may pledge as security for such  
434 interim financing future funds that will be received by the  
435 division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available

436 funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to  
437 the same terms provided in this section.

438         **SECTION 26.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
439 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
440 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
441 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
442 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
443 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
444 actions contrary to this provision.

445         **SECTION 27.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the  
446 intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of  
447 Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs,  
448 Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based  
449 on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the  
450 end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

451         **SECTION 28.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
452 Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official  
453 replacement or representative with voting privileges to the  
454 Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

455         **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
456 State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash  
457 from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund  
458 treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It  
459 is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health  
460 Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the  
461 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and

462 Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to  
463 the effective date of the transfer.

464         **SECTION 30.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is  
465 the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine  
466 Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be  
467 allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from  
468 General Fund court assessments.

469         **SECTION 31.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
470 Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to  
471 escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the  
472 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds  
473 collected or available for HIV medical or support services,  
474 clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to  
475 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for  
476 expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department  
477 of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law.  
478 Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

479         The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of  
480 Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and  
481 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed  
482 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the  
483 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing  
484 positions.

485         **SECTION 32.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the  
486 Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its  
487 headcount for any additional operational needs related to

488 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the  
489 Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel  
490 Board.

491       **SECTION 33.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
492 State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate,  
493 budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the  
494 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers  
495 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of  
496 operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by  
497 law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of  
498 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the  
499 escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have  
500 changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or  
501 additional funds.

502       The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or  
503 designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and  
504 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed  
505 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the  
506 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing  
507 positions.

508       **SECTION 34.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
509 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Healthcare  
510 Expendable Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of  
511 Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of  
512 Healthcare Expendable Funds to defray the expenses of the  
513 Department of Health, as authorized in HB 1614, 2022 Regular

514 Session for Non-Transport Emergency Services for the fiscal year  
515 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 415,000.00.

516 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
517 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
518 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
519 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
520 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
521 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

522 **SECTION 35.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
523 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
524 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
525 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
526 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
527 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

528 **SECTION 36.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
529 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed June 29, 2023.

**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 DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
3 2024.

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