

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
10 .....\$       61,297,497.00.

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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
18 .....\$       538,620,467.00.



19           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Sections 1 and 2, Seven Million Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred  
21 Two Dollars (\$7,026,102.00) shall be derived from the State  
22 General Fund and Eleven Million Five Hundred Seventy-eight  
23 Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$11,578,783.00) shall  
24 be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in  
25 Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and  
26 maintenance of the State Department of Health. The funds provided  
27 in this section shall be allocated as follows:

28	Magnet Community Health Disparity Program....\$	2,000,000.00
29	Early Intervention Program for	
30	increased reimbursements.....\$	2,000,000.00
31	Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.....\$	100,000.00
32	Maternal and Child Health Care Program.....\$	1,242,943.00
33	Defibrillators in Public Places.....\$	250,000.00
34	Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST	
35	Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program	
36	(STEMI), Sepsis, and the Stroke System	
37	of Care Plan.....\$	250,000.00
38	Health Department Programs.....\$	12,761,942.00

39           **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act,  
40 Thirty-four Million Dollars (\$34,000,000.00) is allocated to the  
41 Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments  
42 provided in Section 1, Thirteen Million Twenty-three Thousand One  
43 Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$13,023,197.00) shall be allocated



44 for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five  
45 Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be  
46 allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds  
47 are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may  
48 transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of  
49 Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced  
50 reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services,  
51 used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between  
52 the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

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

66 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty  
67 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco



68 Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi  
69 Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

70 University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer  
71 Institute.....\$ 4,250,000.00  
72 Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell -  
73 Mary Sprayberry Public School  
74 Nurse Program.....\$ 3,060,000.00  
75 Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and  
76 Tobacco Enforcement Unit.....\$ 680,000.00  
77 University of Mississippi Medical Center -  
78 A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)  
79 Center.....\$ 595,000.00  
80 Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated  
81 Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI),  
82 Sepsis, and Stroke System of Care Plan....\$ 595,000.00  
83 Mississippi Qualified Health  
84 Center Grant Program.....\$ 3,400,000.00  
85 Mississippi Health Department Programs.....\$ 7,420,000.00

86 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State  
87 Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and  
88 administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as  
89 outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of  
90 1972.





116 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
117 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
118 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
119 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
120 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
121 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

122 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
123 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
124 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
125 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
126 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
127 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the  
128 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
129 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
130 essential for the agency.

131 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
132 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
133 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
134 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
135 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
136 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
137 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
138 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
139 appropriated level.



140 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
141 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
142 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
143 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

148 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
149 State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and  
150 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
151 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
152 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
153 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
154 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to  
155 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
156 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
157 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

158 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
159 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
160 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
161 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
162 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
163 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
164 performance measures provided below:



165		FY2025
166	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
167	Health Services	
168	State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000	
169	Live Births)	8.60
170	Percent of Women who Received Prenatal	
171	Care in First Trimester	74.20
172	Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior	
173	to 37 Weeks of Gestation	14.80
174	Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years	
175	(per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	23.40
176	Percent of Newborns with Positive and	
177	Inconclusive Genetic Screens who	
178	Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
179	Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body	
180	Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of	
181	Sex)	39.10
182	Health Protection	
183	Percent of Mississippi Population	
184	Receiving Water From a Public Water	
185	Supply	92.00
186	Percent of Mississippi Population	
187	Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
188	Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma	
189	Centers to Appropriate Facilities for	





190	Treatment (Minutes)	129.00
191	Communicable Disease	
192	Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case	
193	Rate per 100,000	27.50
194	Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	51
195	Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.70
196	HIV Disease: Number of Cases	400.00
197	HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	13.60
198	Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully	
199	Immunized (National Immunization Survey:	
200	4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	74.00
201	Tobacco Control	
202	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
203	Middle School Students	1.70
204	Percent of Current Smokers Among Public	
205	High School Students	2.10
206	Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults	
207	18 Years and Older	19.40
208	Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
209	Time Required for Command Staff to	
210	Report to Emergency Operations Center in	
211	Response to a National or Man-Made	
212	Disaster (Minutes)	30.00
213	Admin & Support Services	
214	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	



215	in an Area Designated as a Health	
216	Professional Shortage Area: Mental	
217	Health	60.00
218	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
219	in an Area Designated as a Health	
220	Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
221	Percent of Mississippi Population Living	
222	in an Area Designated as a Health	
223	Professional Shortage Area: Primary	
224	Care	49.00
225	Medical Cannabis	
226	Number of Conditions Added to the List	
227	of Debilitating Medical Conditions	2
228	Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	50,000
229	Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	54
230	Number of Registry Identification Cards	
231	Revoked	25
232	Total Number of Patients with a Registry	
233	Identification Card	50,000
234	Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	400
235	Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	
236	Facilities	150
237	Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing	
238	Facilities	30
239	Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing	



240	Facilities	5
241	Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste	
242	Disposal Entities	8
243	Number of Licensed Cannabis	
244	Transportation Entities	40
245	Percent of Applications Approved	95

246 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
247 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
248 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
249 Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

255 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
256 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
257 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
258 Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Local  
259 Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the  
260 Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving  
261 Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State  
262 Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of  
263 the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board,



264 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
265 June 30, 2025.....\$ 4,300,000.00.

266 The purpose of these funds is to provide funds necessary to  
267 match projected federal funds available through the following  
268 federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State Revolving  
269 Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental  
270 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

271 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
272 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
273 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
274 to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems  
275 Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water  
276 System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter  
277 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the  
278 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and  
279 Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year  
280 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
281 .....\$ 178,420,730.00.

282 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated under Sections 11 and  
283 12 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

284 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

285 Permanent: 5  
286 Time-Limited: 8

287 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
288 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal



289 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds  
290 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
291 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
292 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
293 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
294 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
295 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
296 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024  
297 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
298 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
299 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
300 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
301 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
302 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
303 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

304 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
305 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
306 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
307 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
308 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
309 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the  
310 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
311 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
312 essential for the agency.



313 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
314 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
315 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
316 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
317 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
318 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
319 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
320 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
321 appropriated level.

322 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
323 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
324 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
325 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

330 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
331 of Section 12 of this act, Three Million Three Hundred Seventy  
332 Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,370,600.00), or so much as may be  
333 necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury  
334 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section  
335 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as  
336 determined by the State Treasurer. The purpose of these funds is  
337 to provide funds necessary to match projected federal funds



338 available through the following federal fiscal year from the  
339 annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and  
340 from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act  
341 (IIJA) appropriations.

342       **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
343 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of  
344 Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate  
345 special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These  
346 funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no  
347 later than July 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall  
348 make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the  
349 Department of Human Services.

350       **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
351 State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty  
352 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for  
353 providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of  
354 the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and  
355 Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the  
356 genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does  
357 not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may  
358 also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

359       **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven  
360 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the  
361 purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related  
362 medical services.



363           **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred  
364 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the Breast  
365 and Cervical Cancer Program.

366           **SECTION 19.** In addition to all other funds heretofore  
367 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
368 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
369 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
370 expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department  
371 of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
372 June 30, 2025.....\$ 7,787,845.00.

373           **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
374 of Section 18 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

375       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

376           Permanent:                   0  
377           Time-Limited:                34

378           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
379 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
380 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds  
381 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
382 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
383 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
384 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
385 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
386 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
387 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024





388 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
389 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
390 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
391 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
392 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
393 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
394 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

395 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
396 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
397 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
398 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
399 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
400 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the  
401 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
402 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
403 essential for the agency.

404 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
405 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
406 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
407 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
408 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
409 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
410 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
411 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
412 appropriated level.



413 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
414 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
415 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
416 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

421 **SECTION 21.** In addition to all other funds heretofore  
422 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
423 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
424 to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised  
425 of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the  
426 department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for  
427 uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the  
428 trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the  
429 Baptist Medical Center, the University of Mississippi Medical  
430 Center, and any designated Burn Center associated with a Level I  
431 Trauma Center in the Mississippi Trauma Care System or for  
432 uncompensated aero medical transportation to out-of-state  
433 qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and such other  
434 provisions necessary to provide burn care for Mississippi  
435 residents, including reimbursement for travel, lodgings, meals and  
436 other reasonable travel-related expenses incurred by burn victims,



437 family members and/or caregivers, for the fiscal year beginning  
438 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

439 **SECTION 22.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
440 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
441 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
442 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
443 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
444 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
445 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
446 made without competitive bids.

447 **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
448 Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service  
449 to receive birth and death certificates.

450 **SECTION 24.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
451 Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint  
452 Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by  
453 September 15, 2024. This notification will consist of the name of  
454 the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award  
455 amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

456 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
457 Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent  
458 in all allowable grants awarded.

459 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven  
460 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the  
461 Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort



462 for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be  
463 transferred to the State Department of Health no later than  
464 December 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall make a  
465 complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department  
466 of Education.

467       **SECTION 27.** The Mississippi Department of Health is  
468 authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer  
469 from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special  
470 source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not  
471 exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls  
472 which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working  
473 cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement.  
474 The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry  
475 past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan  
476 proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be  
477 placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special  
478 fund account. The division may pledge as security for such  
479 interim financing future funds that will be received by the  
480 division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available  
481 funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to  
482 the same terms provided in this section.

483       **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
484 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
485 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
486 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their



487 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
488 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
489 actions contrary to this provision.

490       **SECTION 29.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the  
491 intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of  
492 Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs,  
493 Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based  
494 on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the  
495 end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

496       **SECTION 30.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
497 Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official  
498 replacement or representative with voting privileges to the  
499 Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

500       **SECTION 31.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
501 State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash  
502 from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund  
503 treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It  
504 is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health  
505 Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the  
506 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and  
507 Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to  
508 the effective date of the transfer.

509       **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of  
510 this act, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two  
511 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is provided for the Office



512 of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in Section  
513 41-123-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

514       **SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is  
515 the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine  
516 Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be  
517 allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from  
518 General Fund court assessments.

519       **SECTION 34.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
520 Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to  
521 escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the  
522 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds  
523 collected or available for HIV medical or support services,  
524 clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to  
525 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for  
526 expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department  
527 of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law.  
528 Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

529       The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of  
530 Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and  
531 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed  
532 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the  
533 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing  
534 positions.

535       **SECTION 35.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the  
536 Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its



537 headcount for any additional operational needs related to  
538 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the  
539 Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel  
540 Board.

541       **SECTION 36.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
542 State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate,  
543 budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the  
544 approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers  
545 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of  
546 operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by  
547 law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of  
548 Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the  
549 escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have  
550 changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or  
551 additional funds.

552       The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or  
553 designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and  
554 Administration a certified statement providing a detailed  
555 explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the  
556 establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing  
557 positions.

558       **SECTION 37.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
559 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund  
560 not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Health for the  
561 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as



562 authorized in HB 1626, 2023 Regular Session, to the Department of  
563 Health, to defray the expense of the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA)  
564 at the Department of Health, Office of Interpersonal Violence for  
565 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025  
566 .....\$ 2,400,000.00.

567 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
568 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
569 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
570 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the  
571 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
572 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

573 **SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twelve  
574 Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,300,000.00) is  
575 allocated for the purpose of providing reimbursable grants from  
576 the Office of Interpersonal Violence as described in this section.

577 The funds appropriated under this section shall be expended  
578 by the State Department of Health as a reimbursable grant. In  
579 determining reimbursable expenses, the State Department of Health  
580 shall use allowable costs as defined by the Office of  
581 Interpersonal Violence. Of the funds in this section, a minimum  
582 of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is to be distributed to  
583 Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for the purpose of  
584 conducting additional forensic interviews. Of the funds in this  
585 section, up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) may be  
586 used by the department for administration of these funds.





587           **SECTION 39.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
588 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
589 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Department  
590 of Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of  
591 Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the State  
592 Department of Health, as authorized in HB 1626, 2023 Regular  
593 Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
594 June 30, 2025.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

595           This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing  
596 the expenditure of funds to defray the expense of establishing and  
597 equipping a burn center for the State of Mississippi.

598           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
599 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
600 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
601 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the  
602 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
603 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

604           **SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
605 of Section 2 of this act, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or  
606 so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in  
607 the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as  
608 created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and  
609 allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These  
610 funds are provided to the Department of Health for the design,



611 construction and maintenance of an Emergency Medical Services  
612 Memorial.

613         **SECTION 41.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
614 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
615 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
616 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
617 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
618 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

619         **SECTION 42.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
620 and after July 1, 2024.

**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 2025.

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