

**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. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board 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:

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
8 to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home  
9 Administrators for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
11 June 30, 2025 .....\$ 208,007.00.

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

14 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:  
15 Permanent: 2  
16 Time-Limited: 0

17 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
18 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
19 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds



20 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
21 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
22 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
23 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
24 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
25 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
26 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024  
27 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
28 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
29 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
30 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
31 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee  
32 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
33 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

34 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
35 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
36 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
37 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
38 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
39 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the  
40 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
41 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
42 essential for the agency.

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



45 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
46 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
47 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
48 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
49 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
50 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
51 appropriated level.

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

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

60 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
61 Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators shall  
62 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
63 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
64 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
65 maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of  
66 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
67 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
68 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level



69 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request  
70 process.

71       **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
72 Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators deposit all  
73 revenue generated into a special fund in the State Treasury to the  
74 credit of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home  
75 Administrators and that all interest earned or deposited to the  
76 fund shall remain in the fund and not be paid into the State  
77 General Fund of Mississippi.

78       **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
79 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
80 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
81 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
82 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
83 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
84 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
85 made without competitive bids.

86       **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
87 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
88 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
89 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
90 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
91 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
92 actions contrary to this provision.



93           **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
94 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
95 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
96 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
97 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
98 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

99           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
100 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 FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE  
4 FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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