

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. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

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 General
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
9 salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys, assistant
10 district attorneys, criminal investigators, tort claims
11 assessments, and paying office expenses of district attorneys for
12 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025..
13\$ 31,554,631.00.

14 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State
16 Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73,
17 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of
18 assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section



19 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
20 June 30, 2025.....\$ 486,932.00.

21 **SECTION 3.** None of the funds authorized in this section
22 shall be used to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for
23 taxable meals incurred within their geographical district.

24 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated herein, office expenses
25 of district attorneys as authorized by Section 25-31-8,
26 Mississippi Code of 1972, in the amount of One Million Six Hundred
27 Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$1,674,000.00).

28 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
29 district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state
30 shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related
31 to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that
32 those records shall be in the same format and level of details as
33 maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of
34 the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2026
35 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a
36 format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of
37 detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process
38 for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the
39 provisions of this act.

40 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act,
41 Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00), or so
42 much thereof as may be necessary, is provided to defray the costs
43 of the Twenty-third Circuit Court District Attorney's Office.



44 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act,
45 Three Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-nine
46 Dollars (\$371,679.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
47 provided for two (2) full-time assistant district attorneys and
48 (1) full-time criminal investigator pursuant to House Bill 1020,
49 2023 Regular Session, and engrossed in Section 25-31-37,
50 Mississippi Code of 1972.

51 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that with
52 the funds provided herein, the district attorneys shall submit
53 their Five-Year Strategic Plan(s) as required in Section
54 27-103-129(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

55 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
56 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
57 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
58 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
59 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
60 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

61 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 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 PAYING
2 SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.



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