

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. 1949: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of, for eligible ARPA administration and reporting expenses.

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:

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
9 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund, and allocated
10 in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the
11 Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the
12 cost of eligible expeditions under the American Rescue Plan Act
13 for the period beginning from and after the passage of this act
14 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 600,000.00.

15 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
16 this act, the term "department" means the Administrative Office of
17 Courts.

18 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated
19 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an



20 individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in
21 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
22 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as
23 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
24 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,
25 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or
26 supplemented from time-to-time, by the United States Department of
27 the Treasury and (b) determining that the recipient has not
28 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in
29 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,
30 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal
31 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In
32 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated
33 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit
34 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the
35 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal
36 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient
37 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
38 requirements.

39 **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
40 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the
41 department shall certify to the Department of Finance and
42 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to
43 the department under this act complies with the guidelines,
44 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be



45 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
46 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
47 Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA.

48 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
49 Department of the Treasury or the Office of Inspector General of
50 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
51 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund
52 established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or
53 recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds
54 appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that
55 is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules,
56 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from
57 time-to-time, of the United States Department of the Treasury
58 regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
59 Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA and (b) the State
60 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any
61 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined
62 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or
63 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or
64 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
65 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
66 the federal government.

67 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
68 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State
69 Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon



70 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
71 Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed
72 by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided
73 by law.

74 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
75 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE
2 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE
3 COST OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
4 (ARPA) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND
5 ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
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