

## 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. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

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 of it as may be  
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
8 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
9 State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the ARPA  
10 Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established  
11 in Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the period  
12 beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025  
13 .....\$ 30,000,000.00.

14           **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of  
15 this act, the term "department" means the State Department of  
16 Health.

17           (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
18 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
19 individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in



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

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



45 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State  
46 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

65 **SECTION 4.** As a condition of receiving the funds  
66 appropriated herein, the State Department of Health shall award  
67 these funds to eligible entities that have not previously received  
68 funding in prior rounds.



69           **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
70 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State  
71 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants  
72 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
73 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
74 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

75           **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
76 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 STATE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ARPA RURAL  
3 WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD  
4 BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Read

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Hopson

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