

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. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

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 Mississippi Department of Public Safety for the purpose of
12 purchasing eligible equipment for law enforcement officers
13 employed by and through the Mississippi Department of Public
14 Safety for the period beginning from and after the passage of this
15 act and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 3,500,000.00.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
17 this act, the term "department" means the Mississippi Department
18 of Public Safety.

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

75 **SECTION 5.** 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 DEPARTMENT
2 OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT
3 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY AND THROUGH THE
4 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING
5 UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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