

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sums of money, or so much thereof
8 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in
9 the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of
10 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose
11 of support of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center
12 for Manufacturing Excellence, Mississippi State Chemical
13 Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research
14 Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center,
15 Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research
16 Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, the
17 Stennis Institute of Government, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory,
18 Polymer Institute, Small Business Development Center, Stennis
19 Center for Higher Learning, the Commission for Volunteer Services,
20 the State Court Education Program, and the executive office of the



21 board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
22 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 39,973,517.00.

23 **SECTION 2.** The following sums of money, or so much thereof
24 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds
25 from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not
26 otherwise appropriated, to the Center for Advanced Vehicular
27 Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Board of Trustees of
28 State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support
29 of the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources
30 Institute, Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis
31 Institute of Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute,
32 Mississippi Small Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral
33 Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical
34 Sciences, the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for
35 Higher Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer
36 Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the
37 Commission for Volunteer Services, and the executive office of the
38 board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
39 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 57,442,124.00.

40 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
41 Sections 1 and 2 of this act hereof, the following amounts, or so
42 much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board
43 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the
44 purposes hereinafter set forth:

45 (a) From State General Funds, for the support of:



46	Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for	
47	the sum of.....	\$ 4,797,094.00.
48	Supercomputer for the sum of.....	\$ 659,556.00.
49	Center for Manufacturing Excellence for	
50	the sum of.....	\$ 3,117,676.00.
51	Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for	
52	the sum of.....	\$ 374,112.00.
53	State Court Education Program for the	
54	sum of.....	\$ 2,072,909.00.
55	Mississippi Law Research Institute for the	
56	sum of.....	\$ 912,277.00.
57	Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for	
58	the sum of.....	\$ 7,535,397.00.
59	Mississippi Polymer Institute for	
60	the sum of.....	\$ 918,408.00.
61	Mississippi Small Business Development	
62	Center for the sum of.....	\$ 359,281.00.
63	Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher	
64	Learning for the sum of.....	\$ 363,616.00.
65	Jackson State University Urban Research	
66	Center for the sum of.....	\$ 546,028.00.
67	Stennis Institute of Government for the	
68	sum of.....	\$ 790,415.00.
69	Commission for Volunteer Services for	
70	the sum of.....	\$ 1,122,734.00.



71	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the	
72	sum of.....	\$ 8,575,933.00.
73	Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the	
74	sum of.....	\$ 353,177.00.
75	Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the	
76	sum of.....	\$ 1,900,735.00.
77	Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences	
78	for the sum of.....	\$ 5,574,169.00.
79	(b) From Special Funds, for the support of:	
80	Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for	
81	the sum of.....	\$ 142,782.00.
82	Center for Manufacturing Excellence for the	
83	sum of.....	\$ 142,782.00.
84	Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for	
85	the sum of.....	\$ 625,641.00.
86	Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety	
87	for the sum of.....	\$ 1,917,645.00.
88	Mississippi Law Research Institute for the	
89	sum of.....	\$ 1,993,344.00.
90	Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for	
91	the sum of.....	\$ 27,680,668.00.
92	Mississippi Small Business Development	
93	Center for the sum of.....	\$ 3,204,060.00.
94	Commission for Volunteer Services for	
95	the sum of.....	\$ 5,077,397.00.



96 Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
97 sum of.....\$ 1,872,780.00.

98 Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
99 sum of.....\$ 500,481.00.

100 Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
101 for the sum of.....\$ 14,284,544.00.

102 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1
103 of this act and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory,
104 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning
105 shall allocate One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
106 (\$175,000.00) for Sea Grants matching for the Fiscal Year 2025.

107 Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in
108 the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research
109 Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
110 Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget
111 reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123,
112 Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be
113 applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea
114 Grant match.

115 It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds
116 authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal
117 funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries
118 authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
119 withdrawn and no longer available.



120 After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided
 121 the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of
 122 charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi
 123 Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional
 124 services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of
 125 Sections 1 and 2 of this act if any charges for such services
 126 previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due.
 127 After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the
 128 laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

129 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
 130 act and authorized for expenditure in Section 3(b) of this act,
 131 the following amounts shall be derived from Education Enhancement
 132 Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,
 133 Mississippi Code of 1972:

134	Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....\$	142,782.00.
135	Center for Manufacturing Excellence.....\$	142,782.00.
136	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.....\$	142,782.00.
137	Executive Office of the Board of Trustees	
138	for the sum of.....\$	<u>402,396.00.</u>
139	Total.....\$	830,742.00.

140 **SECTION 5.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
 141 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or
 142 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board
 143 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of
 144 the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of



145 the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi
146 Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or
147 regulations that implement state or federal law.

148 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
149 budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and
150 programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
151 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
152 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
153 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

154 **SECTION 7.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
155 Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature any
156 institution not in compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi
157 Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

158 **SECTION 8.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
159 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
160 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
161 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

162 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
163 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
164 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
165 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
166 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
167 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
168 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
169 made without competitive bids.



170 **SECTION 10.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized
171 for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which
172 a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

173 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
174 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
175 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
176 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
177 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
178 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
179 actions contrary to this provision.

180 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
181 act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is
182 hereby provided for the National Center for Cannabis Research and
183 Education at the University of Mississippi - Research Institute of
184 Pharmaceutical Sciences for the purpose of data analysis,
185 educational initiatives, and other activities in collaboration
186 with the State Department of Health pursuant to Senate Bill 2888,
187 Regular Session 2024.

188 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
189 of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so
190 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State
191 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
192 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
193 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall
194 first be expended for the purpose of repair, maintenance, or



195 replacement of the fire detection and suppression system at the
196 IHL Education and Research Center. Any funds remaining may be
197 expended on other repairs and maintenance at the IHL Education and
198 Research Center.

199 **SECTION 14.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
200 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
201 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
202 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
203 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
204 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

205 **SECTION 15.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
206 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 TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT
3 UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR
4 WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD
5 OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Hopson

X (SIGNED)
Oliver

X (SIGNED)
Parks

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Read

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Butler

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