

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. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural 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:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and
8 maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research,
9 Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 7,851,172.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available,
14 for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University
15 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
17\$ 335,000.00.



18 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
19 act, Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000.00)
20 shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund
21 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi
22 Code of 1972, and allocated in a matter as determined by the
23 Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the following:

- 24 (a) Agency Operations.....\$ 170,000.00.
- 25 (b) Poultry Sciences Academic Research
26 Center.....\$ 165,000.00.

27 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
28 act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for
29 the Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center.

30 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
31 act, Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$715,000.00) is
32 provided for Agricultural Research and Extension including poultry
33 science, animal science, and environmental science programs.

34 **SECTION 6.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
35 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
36 which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no
37 longer available.

38 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
39 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to
40 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
41 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
42 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.



43 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
44 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
45 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
46 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
47 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
48 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
49 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
50 made without competitive bids.

51 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
52 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
53 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
54 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
55 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
56 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
57 actions contrary to this provision.

58 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
59 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
60 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
61 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
62 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
63 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

64 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 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 SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH,
3 EXTENSION AND LAND-GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Hopson

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Parks

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CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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