

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. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

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 Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
10 June 30, 2025.....\$ 33,536,601.00.

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 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi
15 Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning
16 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 14,444,984.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
18 act, One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars



19 (\$1,150,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement
20 Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
21 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

22 **SECTION 4.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
23 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
24 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
25 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

26 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
27 Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the
28 emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education,
29 Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community
30 Development in each county.

31 **SECTION 6.** No part of the funds appropriated or authorized
32 to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for
33 payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who
34 was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service
35 pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of
36 State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such
37 legal services.

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 if
 44 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
 45 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
 46 research grants or donations, such special source funds not
 47 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and
 48 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the
 49 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special
 50 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2025
 51 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

52 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 53 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 54 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
 55 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
 56 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 57 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 58 performance measures provided below:

	FY2025
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
61 Agriculture	
62 Number of Published Information Items	300
63 Number of Mass Items	4,500
64 Number of Direct Educational Contacts	270,000
65 Average Cost per Educational Contact	13.46
66 Family & Consumer Education	
67 Number of Published Information Items	150



68	Number of Direct Educational Contacts	205,000
69	Average Cost per Educational Contact	9.34
70	Business & Community Dev	
71	Number of Direct Educational Contacts	88,000
72	Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
73	4-H Youth Development	
74	Number of Direct Educational Contacts	178,000
75	Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
76	Natural Resources & Environment	
77	Number of Published Information Items	150
78	Number of Mass Media Items	6,000
79	Number of Total Contacts Across all	
80	Delivery Methods/Events	370,000
81	Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75

82 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
83 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
84 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
85 Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

86 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
87 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
88 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
89 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
90 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
91 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



92 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
93 made without competitive bids.

94 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
95 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
96 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
97 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
98 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
99 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
100 actions contrary to this provision.

101 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
102 of Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so
103 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State
104 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in
105 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a
106 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are
107 provided for the purpose of assisting with costs associated with
108 administering the Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative.

109 **SECTION 13.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
110 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
111 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
112 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
113 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
114 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

115 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
116 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 MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR
3 FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Hopson

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