

## 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. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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 purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical  
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
10 June 30, 2025.....\$ 193,774,571.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as  
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for  
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student  
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or  
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the  
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
18 .....\$ 1,718,569,436.00.



19           **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for  
20 expenditure under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act,  
21 the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the  
22 School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of  
23 Nursing, the School of Health Related Professions, the School of  
24 Population Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center  
25 Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall  
26 prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of  
27 expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at  
28 the beginning of the legislative session.

29           **SECTION 4.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it  
30 is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of  
31 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting  
32 qualified registered nurses.

33           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
34 act, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2 of this  
35 act, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any  
36 state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the  
37 extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision  
38 reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided.  
39 Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency,  
40 institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an  
41 invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90)  
42 days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90)  
43 days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that



44 agency, institution or political subdivision until all outstanding  
45 charges have been paid.

46 **SECTION 6.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
47 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
48 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
49 Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

50 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
51 University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for  
52 Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
53 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
54 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025  
55 budget request process.

56 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
57 act, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be  
58 necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to  
59 the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections  
60 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

61	(a) Education activities or scholarships	\$ 6,888,029.00.
62	(b) Rural Physicians Scholarship Program	\$ 340,000.00.
63	(c) Rural Dentists Scholarship Program	<u>\$ 105,000.00.</u>
64	TOTAL.....	\$ 7,333,029.00.

65 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
66 Section 2 of this act, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand  
67 Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived  
68 from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407,



69 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the  
70 University of Mississippi Medical Center.

71         **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
72 of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the sum of Four Hundred Twenty  
73 Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships  
74 for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in Section  
75 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

76         **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of  
77 this act, Two Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars  
78 (\$2,170,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural  
79 Physicians Scholarship Program as described in Section 37-141-1,  
80 Mississippi Code of 1972. Of this amount, Thirty-five Thousand  
81 Dollars (\$35,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as  
82 described in Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

83         **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of  
84 this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight  
85 Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the  
86 Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists  
87 Scholarship Program.

88         **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
89 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
90 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
91 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
92 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
93 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



94 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
95 made without competitive bids.

96       **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
97 of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Four Million Seven Hundred Fifty  
98 Thousand Dollars (\$4,750,000.00) shall be derived from the State  
99 General Fund and Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
100 (\$4,250,000.00) shall be derived from any special source funds  
101 collected by or otherwise become available for the support and  
102 maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for  
103 the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

104       **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
105 act, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is  
106 hereby appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at  
107 the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

108       **SECTION 16.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized  
109 for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that  
110 kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

111       **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
112 of Section 1 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine  
113 Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall  
114 be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center  
115 of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the  
116 care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve,  
117 enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's  
118 Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.



119           **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
120 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
121 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
122 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
123 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
124 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
125 actions contrary to this provision.

126           **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
127 of Section 1 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)  
128 shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of  
129 Mississippi Medical Center.

130           **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that any  
131 cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's  
132 Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of  
133 those divisions.

134           **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
135 act, One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00)  
136 shall be provided for the Child Health and Developmental Promotion  
137 (CHDP) Fellowship Program.

138           **SECTION 22.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
139 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
140 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of  
141 Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of reauthorizing the  
142 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Asylum Hill Project,



143 as authorized in SB 3008, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal  
144 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
145 .....\$ 2,292,839.00.

146 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
147 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
148 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
149 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the  
150 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
151 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

152 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
153 of Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so  
154 much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State  
155 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in  
156 Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a  
157 manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are  
158 provided to create the Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council  
159 as described in SB 2156, 2024 Regular Session.

160 **SECTION 24.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
161 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
162 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
163 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
164 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
165 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

166 **SECTION 25.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
167 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 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR  
3 FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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