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. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

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 Commission on Judicial Performance 9 of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning 10 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025......\$ 714,784.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Judicial Performance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025..... 79,286.00.

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18 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of 19 this act, the following positions are authorized:

20 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

21Permanent:5

22 Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

29 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 30 Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting 31 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the 32 33 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 34 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to 35 36 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of 37 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided 38 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

39 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that 40 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 41 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 42 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

24/SS15/SB3019CR.J (S PAGE 2 43 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 44 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 45 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 46 made without competitive bids.

47 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 48 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with 49 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency 50 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their 51 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally 52 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for 53 actions contrary to this provision.

54 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 55 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 56 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 57 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 58 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 59 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law. 60 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from 61 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 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE 3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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