

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. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Dental
7 Examiners, for the support of said board for the fiscal year
8 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
9\$ 1,202,005.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
11 this act, the following positions are authorized:

12 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

13 Permanent: 8

14 Time-Limited: 0

15 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
16 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
17 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds



18 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
19 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
20 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
21 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
22 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
23 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
24 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
25 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
26 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
27 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
28 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
29 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
30 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
31 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

32 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
33 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
34 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
35 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
36 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
37 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
38 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
39 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
40 essential for the agency.

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



43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
49 appropriated level.

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

54 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
55 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A
56 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
57 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

58 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
59 Mississippi Board of Dental Examiners shall maintain complete
60 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
61 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
62 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
63 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
64 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
65 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
66 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
67 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.



68 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
69 this act, an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars
70 (\$27,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Board of
71 Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription
72 Monitoring Program.

73 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
74 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
75 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
76 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
77 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
78 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
79 actions contrary to this provision.

80 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
81 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
82 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
83 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
84 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
85 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
86 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
87 made without competitive bids.

88 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
89 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
90 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
91 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



92 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
93 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

94 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
95 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 OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Hopson

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