

## 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. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

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 of it as may be  
6 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
7 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
8 Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment  
9 Security serving as the fiscal agent, as authorized in House Bill  
10 No. 1517, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
11 Session, and Senate Bill No. 3113, 2023 Regular Session, for the  
12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
13 .....\$ 61,692,892.00.

14           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
15 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
16 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
17 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



18           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
19 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
20 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
21 Department of Environmental Quality, as authorized in Senate Bill  
22 No. 3056, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1716, 2023 Regular  
23 Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the  
24 purpose of administering the Mississippi Municipality and County  
25 Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program established in Section  
26 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning  
27 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 390,194,637.00.

28           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
29 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
30 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
31 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

32           **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
33 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
34 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
35 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in House  
36 Bill No. 1518, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1719, 2023  
37 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session,  
38 for the purpose of providing funds to destination marketing  
39 organizations to assist in paying costs of certain marketing  
40 activities and providing funds to Mississippi Main Street  
41 Association, as provided in Section 57-123-3, Mississippi Code of



42 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
43 30, 2025.....\$ 2,007,857.00.

44 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
45 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
46 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
47 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

48 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
49 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Mississippi  
50 Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant  
51 Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of  
52 Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3064,  
53 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
54 Session, for the purpose of funding the MAICU Grant Program  
55 established in Section 37-185-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for  
56 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
57 June 30, 2025.....\$ 8,322,496.00.

58 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
59 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
60 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
61 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

62 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
63 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
64 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
65 Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building,  
66 Grounds, and Real Property Management, as authorized in Senate



67 Bill No. 3062, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3118,  
68 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of completing capital  
69 projects at state-owned buildings or grounds that are allowable  
70 under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)  
71 or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States  
72 Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal  
73 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
74 .....\$ 245,903,075.00.

75 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
76 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
77 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
78 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

79 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
80 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
81 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
82 State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 271,  
83 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the Mississippi  
84 Hospital Sustainability Grant Program established in Section  
85 41-9-371, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning  
86 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 30,126,947.00.

87 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
88 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
89 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
90 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.



91           **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
92 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
93 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
94 State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1614,  
95 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
96 Session, for the purpose of operational expenditures needed to  
97 respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901  
98 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or  
99 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury  
100 in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
101 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 2,455,593.00.

102           Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
103 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
104 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
105 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

106           **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
107 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
108 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
109 State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060,  
110 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
111 Session, for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Hospital Expanded  
112 Capacity Program established in Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code  
113 of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
114 June 30, 2025.....\$ 8,724,417.00.



115 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
116 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
117 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
118 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

119 **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
120 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
121 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
122 State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060,  
123 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
124 Session, for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local  
125 Provider Innovation Grant Program established in Section 41-139-1,  
126 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
127 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 20,494,394.00.

128 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
129 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
130 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
131 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

132 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
133 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
134 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
135 State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1538,  
136 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1715, 2023 Regular Session,  
137 and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
138 funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant



139 Program established under Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of  
140 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
141 June 30, 2025.....\$ 352,719,368.00.

142 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
143 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
144 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
145 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

146 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
147 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
148 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
149 Department of Child Protection Services, as authorized in House  
150 Bill No. 1611, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052,  
151 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying eligible  
152 operational expenses as allowable under Section 9901 of the  
153 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or  
154 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury  
155 in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
156 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 48,538,956.00.

157 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
158 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
159 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
160 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

161 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
162 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
163 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise



164 appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as  
165 authorized in Senate Bill No. 3010, 2022 Regular Session, and  
166 Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of  
167 constructing a new nursing school at the University of Mississippi  
168 Medical Center as allowable under Section 9901 of the American  
169 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation  
170 issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in  
171 conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,  
172 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 51,184,151.00.

173 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
174 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
175 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
176 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

177 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
178 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
179 State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise  
180 appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as  
181 authorized in House Bill No. 1722, 2023 Regular Session, for the  
182 purpose of repair and renovation at and acquisition of equipment  
183 for the facility used for the adolescent psychiatric program, for  
184 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
185 June 30, 2025.....\$ 5,691,235.00.

186 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
187 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended





188 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
189 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

190       **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
191 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
192 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
193 Department of Mental Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No.  
194 2865, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No 3052, 2023 Regular  
195 Session, for the purpose of assisting with behavioral and mental  
196 health needs exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
197 (COVID-19) pandemic, responding to other public health impacts,  
198 and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of  
199 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or  
200 regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury  
201 in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
202 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 51,159,452.00.

203       Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
204 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
205 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
206 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

207       **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
208 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
209 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the  
210 Mississippi National Guard as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3019,  
211 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular Session,



212 and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal  
213 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
214 .....\$ 12,227,209.00.

215 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
216 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
217 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
218 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

219 **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
220 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
221 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
222 Department of Public Safety, as authorized in Senate Bill No.  
223 3014, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular  
224 Session, for the purpose of completing capital projects at  
225 state-owned buildings or grounds, crime prevention due to the  
226 increase in crime, and operational expenditures, including the  
227 additional purpose of backlogs at the Forensic Laboratory,  
228 necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as  
229 allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
230 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United  
231 States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the  
232 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
233 .....\$ 13,364,487.00.

234 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
235 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended



236 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
237 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

238       **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
239 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
240 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
241 District Attorney's and staff, as authorized in House Bill No.  
242 1625, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular  
243 Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the  
244 purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses of  
245 temporary legal assistants and support personnel as authorized by  
246 Section 25-31-5(2)(g), Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to  
247 respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under  
248 Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any  
249 guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of  
250 the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year  
251 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
252 .....\$           659,800.00.

253       Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
254 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
255 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
256 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

257       **SECTION 18.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
258 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
259 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
260 Office of the State Public Defender, as authorized in House Bill



261 No. 1627, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular  
262 Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the  
263 purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses for  
264 public defenders assigned to special temporary courts that  
265 supplement those authorized under Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code  
266 of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19  
267 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue  
268 Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by  
269 the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity  
270 therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
271 June 30, 2025.....\$ 442,059.00.

272 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
273 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
274 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
275 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

276 **SECTION 19.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
277 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
278 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
279 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, as  
280 authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as  
281 amended by Senate Bill 2373, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill  
282 No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of providing  
283 funding for the Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention  
284 Loan Repayment Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
285 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 6,000,000.00.



286 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
287 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
288 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
289 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

290 **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
291 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
292 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the  
293 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate  
294 Bill No. 3064, 2022 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding  
295 the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established  
296 in Senate Bill No. 2780, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill  
297 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
298 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 10,000,000.00.

299 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
300 in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended  
301 balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the  
302 purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

303 **SECTION 21.** None of the funds reappropriated in this act  
304 shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

305 **SECTION 22.** (1) As used in this section, the term "agency"  
306 shall mean the entities in which funds were reappropriated in  
307 Sections 1 through 21 of this act.

308 (2) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under  
309 this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
310 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in



311 the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
312 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
313 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
314 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
315 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
316 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
317 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
318 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
319 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
320 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
321 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
322 addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under  
323 this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act  
324 (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
325 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
326 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
327 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
328 requirements.

329 (3) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds  
330 provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall  
331 certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each  
332 expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section  
333 complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or  
334 other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United



335 States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from  
336 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

337 (4) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
338 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
339 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
340 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
341 ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or  
342 otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this  
343 section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
344 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
345 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
346 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
347 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the  
348 State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government  
349 for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General  
350 determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the  
351 agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or  
352 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the  
353 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
354 the federal government.

355 **SECTION 23.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
356 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to  
357 the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act,  
358 upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State  
359 Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions



360 signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner  
361 provided by law.

362 **SECTION 24.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
363 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 A REAPPROPRIATION TO CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REAUTHORIZE  
2 THE EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS  
3 PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Hopson

X (SIGNED)  
Read

X (SIGNED)  
Polk

X (SIGNED)  
Oliver

X (SIGNED)  
Blackwell

X (SIGNED)  
Cockerham

