

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. 2271: Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission; move to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

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:

23 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-53-171, Mississippi Code of 1972,
24 which establishes the Mississippi Wireless Communication
25 Commission under the Mississippi Department of Information
26 Technology Services, is hereby repealed.

27 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
28 33-15-57, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29 33-15-57. (1) Within the Mississippi Emergency Management
30 Agency, there is hereby created the Wireless Communication
31 Commission, which shall be responsible for promoting the efficient
32 use of public resources to ensure that law enforcement personnel
33 and essential public health and safety personnel have effective
34 interoperable communications services available in emergency
35 situations, and to ensure the rapid restoration of such



communications services in the event of disruption caused by natural disaster, terrorist attack or other public emergency.

(2) (a) The Wireless Communication Commission, hereafter referred to as the "commission," is an advisory subcommittee within the Mississippi Emergency Communication Authority established in Senate Bill No. 2835, 2025 Regular Session, and shall consist of the following members:

(i) The Commissioner of Public Safety, or his or her designee;

(ii) One (1) member designated by the Governor from the GIS Coordinating Council;

(iii) One (1) member designated by the Governor from the Mississippi 911 Coordinators Association;

(iv) One (1) member designated by the Governor selected from the Mississippi Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials;

(v) One (1) member designated by the Governor, who was submitted by the Mississippi Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association;

(vi) One (1) member designated by the Lieutenant Governor who shall be an elected member of a county board of supervisors, who was submitted by the Mississippi Association of Supervisors;

(vii) One (1) member designated by the Lieutenant Governor who may be a county manager, county administrator or



61 finance officer from a county that operates or contracts for the
62 operation of a public safety answering point, who was submitted by
63 the Mississippi Association of Supervisors;

64 (viii) One (1) member designated by the Governor,
65 who was submitted by Mississippi Emergency Medical Services;

66 (ix) One (1) member designated by the Lieutenant
67 Governor who shall be an elected member of a municipal governing
68 authority, city manager, city administrator or finance officer
69 from a municipality that operates or contracts for the operation
70 of a public safety answering point, who was submitted by the
71 Mississippi Municipal League;

72 (x) One (1) member designated by the Governor who
73 shall be from the telecommunications industry;

74 (xi) One (1) member designated by the Lieutenant
75 Governor who is a sheriff responsible for managing a public safety
76 answering point, who was submitted by the Mississippi Sheriffs'
77 Association;

78 (xii) One (1) police chief designated by the
79 Governor who is serving a local government, who was submitted by
80 the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police; and

81 (xiii) One (1) fire chief designated by the
82 Lieutenant Governor who is serving a local government, who was
83 submitted by the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association.

84 (b) The board may, at its discretion, include
85 additional persons to serve in an advisory role to the board. Two



(2) such advisors shall represent MEMA, one of whom must be employed by MEMA in a legal capacity and the other must be employed in an accounting capacity. Additionally, there shall be two (2) members of the Senate to advise the board, one (1) representing the Technology Committee and one (1) representing the Appropriations Committee. There shall also be two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed to advise the board, one (1) from the Technology Committee and one (1) from an Appropriations Committee. Such advisers shall be nonvoting and shall not be counted in ascertaining if a quorum is present.

(3) The commission shall adopt rules which govern the time and place for meetings. The commission shall meet at least monthly and maintain minutes of such meetings. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership of the commission.

(4) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall have the authority to oversee the commission and every function that concerns and relates to the statewide wireless communication system. The commission, in conjunction with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, shall have the sole authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the wireless communications system described in paragraph (a) and shall be vested with all legal authority necessary and proper to perform this function including, but not limited to:



110 (a) Purchasing, leasing, acquiring and otherwise
111 implementing a statewide wireless communications system to serve
112 wireless users in state and local governments and those private
113 entities that enter into a partnership with the commission. All
114 purchases shall be made in accordance with public purchasing laws
115 and shall be approved by the Mississippi Emergency Management
116 Agency. This system shall enable interoperability between various
117 wireless communications technologies.

118 (b) Ensuring that federal/state communications
119 requirements are followed with respect to such wireless
120 communications systems.

121 (c) Providing system planning with all public safety
122 communications systems.

123 (d) Assisting with establishment of state and local
124 wireless communications.

125 (e) The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall
126 have the authority to permit state and local agencies use of the
127 communications system under the terms and conditions established
128 by the commission.

129 (f) Providing technical support to users and bearing
130 the overall responsibility for the design, engineering,
131 acquisition and implementation of the statewide interoperable
132 communications system and for ensuring the proper operation and
133 maintenance of all equipment common to the system.



134 (g) Seeking proposals for services through competitive
135 processes where required by law and selecting service providers
136 under procedures provided for by law.

137 (h) Establish policies, procedures and standards which
138 shall be incorporated into a comprehensive management plan for the
139 operation of the statewide interoperable communications system.

140 (i) MEMA and the commission are charged with having
141 sign-off approval on all wireless communications systems within
142 the state which are owned or operated by any state or local
143 governmental entity, agency or department.

144 (j) Creating a standard user agreement.

145 (5) MEMA and the commission shall exercise its powers and
146 duties pursuant to this section to plan, manage and administer the
147 wireless communications system. MEMA and the commission, with the
148 advisement of the board, may:

149 (a) Establish policies, procedures and standards to
150 incorporate into a comprehensive management plan for use and
151 operation of the communications system.

152 (b) Enter into mutual aid agreements among federal,
153 state and local agencies for the use of the communications system.

154 (c) Establish the cost of maintenance and operation of
155 the system and charge subscribers for access and use of the
156 system.

157 (d) Assess charges for use of the system.



158 (e) Obtain space through rent or lease of space on any
159 tower under state control. The commission may also rent, lease or
160 sublease ground space as necessary to locate equipment to support
161 antennae on the towers. The costs for use of such space shall be
162 established by the owner/agent for each site when it is determined
163 to be practicable and feasible to make space available.

164 (f) Provide space through rent or lease of space on any
165 tower under the commission's control. The commission may also
166 rent, lease or sublease ground space as necessary to locate
167 equipment to support antennae on the towers. The costs for use of
168 such space shall be established by the commission when it is
169 determined to be practicable and feasible to make space available.

170 (g) Refuse to lease space on any tower at any site.
171 All monies collected by the commission for such rents, leases or
172 subleases shall be deposited directly into a special fund hereby
173 created and known as the "Integrated Public Safety Communications
174 Fund." This fund shall be administered by the Mississippi
175 Emergency Management Agency and may be used by the commission to
176 construct, maintain and operate the system.

177 (h) Rent, lease or sublease ground space on lands
178 acquired by the commission for the construction of privately owned
179 or publicly owned towers. The commission, as part of such rental,
180 lease or sublease agreement, may require space on such towers for
181 antennae as may be necessary for the construction and operation of
182 the wireless communications system.



183 (i) Enter into and perform use and occupancy agreements
184 concerning the system.

185 (j) Exercise any power necessary to carry out the
186 intent of this law.

187 (6) The Department of Transportation, the Department of
188 Public Safety and other commission members may provide to the
189 commission, on a full-time or part-time basis, personnel and
190 technical support necessary and sufficient to effectively and
191 efficiently carry out the requirements of this section.

192 (7) (a) Expenditures from the Integrated Public Safety
193 Communications Fund shall be administered by the Mississippi
194 Emergency Management Agency with expenditures approved jointly by
195 the commission and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

196 (b) The Integrated Public Safety Communications Fund
197 may consist of the following:

198 (i) Appropriations from the Legislature;
199 (ii) Gifts;
200 (iii) Federal grants;
201 (iv) Fees and contributions from user agencies
202 that the commission considers necessary to maintain and operate
203 the system; and

204 (v) Monies from any other source permitted by law.

205 (c) Any monies remaining in the Integrated Public
206 Safety Communications Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not



revert to the State General Fund, but shall remain in the Integrated Public Safety Communications Fund.

(8) Members of the commission shall not receive any compensation or per diem, but may receive travel reimbursement provided for under Section 25-3-41.

(9) There is hereby created the Wireless Communication Advisory Board for the purpose of advising the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission in performance of its duties. The advisory board shall be composed of the following:

(a) Two (2) representatives of MEMA, one of whom must be employed by MEMA in a legal capacity, and the other must be employed in an accounting capacity;

(b) Two (2) members of the Senate, one (1) representing the Technology Committee and one (1) representing the Appropriations Committee; and

(c) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives, one (1) from the Technology Committee and one (1) from an Appropriations Committee.

Members of the advisory board shall receive per diem and expenses which shall be paid from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings of the advisory board shall be paid to legislative members while the Legislature is in session.



(10) It is the intent of the Legislature that all state and local government entities make available for purposes of this section all publicly owned wireless communications infrastructure, including, but not limited to, communications towers, transmission equipment, transmission frequencies and other related properties and facilities.

(11) Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted to provide for the regulation or oversight of commercial mobile radio services.

(12) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede the authority of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services provided in Section 25-53-1 et seq.

(13) From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law.

(14) From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Information Technology, and the State Personnel Board shall have the powers necessary in carrying



out the transfer of the Mississippi Wireless Communications Commission required by this act.

(2) All of the powers, duties, property, contractual rights and obligations of the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission under the Department of Information Technology Services shall be transferred to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency on July 1, 2025. The transfer of personnel shall be commensurate with the number and classification of positions allocated to that division. The transfer shall also include direct support, clerical, data processing and communications positions allocated to that division.

SECTION 4. Section 33-15-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

33-15-14. (1) The agency is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive statewide program of emergency management. The agency is responsible for coordination with efforts of the federal government with other departments and agencies of state government, with county and municipal governments and school boards and with private agencies that have a role in emergency management.

(2) In performing its duties under this article, the agency shall:

(a) Work with the Governor, or his or her representative, in preparing a State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan of this state, which shall be integrated into and



281 coordinated with the emergency management plans of the federal
282 government and of other states to the fullest possible extent, and
283 to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for emergency
284 management by the political subdivisions of the state, such local
285 plans to be integrated into and coordinated with the emergency
286 plan and program of this state. The plan must contain provisions
287 to ensure that the state is prepared for emergencies and minor,
288 major and catastrophic disasters, and the agency shall work
289 closely with local governments and agencies and organizations with
290 emergency management responsibilities in preparing and maintaining
291 the plan. The State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan will
292 be operations oriented and:

293 (i) Include an evacuation component that includes
294 specific regional and interregional planning provisions and
295 promotes intergovernmental coordination of evacuation activities.
296 This component must, at a minimum: ensure coordination pertaining
297 to evacuees crossing county lines; set forth procedures for
298 directing people caught on evacuation routes to safe shelter; and
299 establish policies and strategies for emergency medical
300 evacuations.

301 (ii) Include a shelter component that includes
302 specific regional and interregional planning provisions and
303 promotes coordination of shelter activities between the public,
304 private and nonprofit sectors. This component must, at a minimum:
305 contain strategies to ensure the availability of adequate public



shelter space in each region of the state; establish strategies for refuge-of-last-resort programs; provide strategies to assist local emergency management efforts to ensure that adequate staffing plans exist for all shelters, including medical and security personnel; provide for a post-disaster communications system for public shelters; establish model shelter guidelines for operations, registration, inventory, power generation capability, information management and staffing; and set forth policy guidance for sheltering people with special needs.

(iii) Include a post-disaster response and recovery component that includes specific regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes intergovernmental coordination of post-disaster response and recovery activities. This component must provide for post-disaster response and recovery strategies according to whether a disaster is minor, major or catastrophic. The post-disaster response and recovery component must, at a minimum: establish the structure of the state's post-disaster response and recovery organization; establish procedures for activating the state's plan; set forth policies used to guide post-disaster response and recovery activities; describe the chain of command during the post-disaster response and recovery period; describe initial and continuous post-disaster response and recovery actions; identify the roles and responsibilities of each involved agency and organization; provide for a comprehensive communications plan; establish



331 procedures for monitoring mutual aid agreements; provide for rapid
332 impact assessment teams; ensure the availability of an effective
333 statewide urban search and rescue program coordinated with the
334 fire services; ensure the existence of a comprehensive statewide
335 medical care and relief plan administered by the State Department
336 of Health; and establish systems for coordinating volunteers and
337 accepting and distributing donated funds and goods.

338 (iv) Include additional provisions addressing
339 aspects of preparedness, response and recovery, as determined
340 necessary by the agency.

341 (v) Address the need for coordinated and
342 expeditious deployment of state resources, including the
343 Mississippi National Guard. In the case of an imminent major
344 disaster, procedures should address predeployment of the
345 Mississippi National Guard, and, in the case of an imminent
346 catastrophic disaster, procedures should address predeployment of
347 the Mississippi National Guard and the United States Armed Forces.
348 This subparagraph (v) does not authorize the agency to call out
349 and deploy the Mississippi National Guard, which authority and
350 determination rests solely with the Governor.

351 (vi) Establish a system of communications and
352 warning to ensure that the state's population and emergency
353 management agencies are warned of developing emergency situations
354 and can communicate emergency response decisions.



(vii) Establish guidelines and schedules for annual exercises that evaluate the ability of the state and its political subdivisions to respond to minor, major and catastrophic disasters and support local emergency management agencies. Such exercises shall be coordinated with local governments and, to the extent possible, the federal government.

(viii) 1. Assign lead and support responsibilities to state agencies and personnel for emergency support functions and other support activities.

2. The agency shall prepare an interim post-disaster response and recovery component that substantially complies with the provisions of this paragraph (a). Each state agency assigned lead responsibility for an emergency support function by the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan shall also prepare a detailed operational plan needed to implement its responsibilities. The complete State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan shall be submitted to the Governor no later than January 1, 1996, and on January 1 of every even-numbered year thereafter.

(b) Adopt standards and requirements for county emergency management plans. The standards and requirements must ensure that county plans are coordinated and consistent with the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. If a municipality elects to establish an emergency management program, it must adopt



379 a city emergency management plan that complies with all standards
380 and requirements applicable to county emergency management plans.

381 (c) Assist political subdivisions in preparing and
382 maintaining emergency management plans.

383 (d) Review periodically political subdivision emergency
384 management plans for consistency with the State Comprehensive
385 Emergency Management Plan and standards and requirements adopted
386 under this section.

387 (e) Make recommendations to the Legislature, building
388 code organizations and political subdivisions for zoning, building
389 and other land use controls, safety measures for securing mobile
390 homes or other nonpermanent or semipermanent structures; and other
391 preparedness, prevention and mitigation measures designed to
392 eliminate emergencies or reduce their impact.

393 (f) In accordance with the State Comprehensive
394 Emergency Management Plan and program for emergency management,
395 ascertain the requirements of the state, its political
396 subdivisions and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for
397 equipment and supplies of all kinds in the event of an emergency;
398 plan for and either procure supplies, medicines, materials and
399 equipment or enter into memoranda of agreement or open purchase
400 orders that will ensure their availability; and use and employ
401 from time to time any of the property, services and resources
402 within the state in accordance with this article.



403 (g) Anticipate trends and promote innovations that will
404 enhance the emergency management system.

405 (h) Prepare and distribute to appropriate state and
406 local officials catalogs of federal, state and private assistance
407 programs.

408 (i) Implement training programs to improve the ability
409 of state and local emergency management personnel to prepare and
410 implement emergency management plans and programs, and require all
411 local civil defense directors or emergency management directors to
412 complete such training as a condition to their authority to
413 continue service in their emergency management positions.

414 (j) Review periodically emergency operating procedures
415 of state agencies and recommend revisions as needed to ensure
416 consistency with the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
417 and program.

418 (k) Prepare, in advance whenever possible, such
419 executive orders, proclamations and rules for issuance by the
420 Governor as are necessary or appropriate for coping with
421 emergencies and disasters.

422 (l) Cooperate with the federal government and any
423 public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of
424 this article.

425 (m) Assist political subdivisions with the creation and
426 training of urban search and rescue teams and promote the



development and maintenance of a state urban search and rescue program.

(n) Delegate, as necessary and appropriate, authority vested in it under this article and provide for the subdelegation of such authority.

(o) Require each county or municipality to designate an agent for working with the agency in the event of a natural disaster. The county or municipality may designate any person as agent who has completed training programs required of emergency management directors.

(p) Report biennially to the Governor and the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, no later than January 1 of every odd-numbered year, the status of the emergency management capabilities of the state and its political subdivisions.

(q) In accordance with Section 25-43-1 et seq., create, implement, administer, promulgate, amend and rescind rules, programs and plans needed to carry out the provisions of this article with due consideration for, and in cooperating with, the plans and programs of the federal government.

(r) Have the sole power and discretion to enter into, sign, execute and deliver long-term or multiyear leases of real and personal property with other state and federal agencies.

(s) Do other things necessary, incidental or appropriate for the implementation of this article.



(t) In accordance with Section 33-15-15, create, implement, administer, promulgate, amend and rescind rules regarding the development of the Mississippi Disaster Reservist Program.

(u) Unless otherwise instructed by the Governor, sponsor and develop mutual aid plans and agreements between the political subdivisions of the state and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians similar to the mutual aid arrangements with other states referenced in Section 33-15-11(b) (10).

(v) Work in conjunction with the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission to promulgate rules and regulations for the commission, and perform additional functions as provided in Section 33-15-57.

SECTION 5. Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

33-15-307. (1) The provisions of this article shall be invoked only pursuant to a state of emergency declared by the Governor or an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, or pursuant to an executive order of the Governor, or administrative order of the director, in order to provide state or local government resources and personnel in compliance with the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, Section 45-18-1 et seq., or in nondeclared times for administrative and training costs associated with state disaster response and recovery programs. Each declaration shall cite the cause for the



477 declaration and define the area eligible for assistance and the
478 type of assistance to be provided.

479 (2) The Disaster Assistance Trust Fund is created as a
480 special fund in the State Treasury into which shall be paid any
481 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature
482 for disaster assistance, any funds transferred from the Working
483 Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund as provided under subsection (5)
484 of this section, any income from investment of the funds in the
485 trust fund, and federal reimbursement for administrative costs for
486 management of the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), the
487 Public Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Program and
488 Disaster Reservist Program.

489 (3) Income from investment of the funds in the trust fund,
490 and all other funds deposited therein pursuant to law, shall be
491 available for expenditure, transfer and allocation pursuant to
492 this article.

493 (4) The Disaster Assistance Trust Fund shall be used only
494 for the following purposes:

495 (a) The state's portion of the cost share for public
496 assistance under a major disaster declaration.

497 (b) The state's cost share of the Individuals and
498 Households Program (IHP) pursuant to Section 33-15-209(1) under a
499 major disaster declared by the President.

500 (c) Administrative costs for managing the IHP.



(d) Administrative costs for managing the Public Assistance Program.

(e) The State Temporary Housing Program pursuant to Section 33-15-217 under a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

(f) Out-of-pocket expenses, including travel, per diem, overtime and other similar expenses, of state or local agencies when so tasked by the Governor or the director for emergency response under the provisions of Section 33-15-11(b)(7) and current executive orders. This includes actual emergency response and recovery activities, and applies to mobilization and deployment of personnel from state or local agencies to another state under the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. At the discretion of the director, this may include reimbursement of costs to local governments for overtime and backfill of deployed personnel within the state under the provisions of Section 33-15-15(a) and to jurisdictions who are signatories of the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC).

(g) Costs incurred as a result of state active duty for the Mississippi National Guard when so tasked by the Governor to provide support to other agencies and local governments in a major disaster or emergency situation, or when tasked by the Governor to provide support to another state under the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.



(h) The state's portion of the cost share for hazard mitigation under a major disaster declaration.

(i) Administrative costs of the Hazard Mitigation Program.

(j) Costs incurred as a result of the implementation of the Disaster Reservist Program under a major disaster declaration.

(k) Administrative costs of the Disaster Reservist Program.

(l) Costs incurred as a result of the implementation of public assistance, and/or individual assistance, and/or Disaster Reservist Program, and/or hazard mitigation, and/or temporary housing under a Governor's state of emergency.

(m) The state's portion of the cost share for public assistance under a major disaster declaration for tornado or other storm damage to public facilities and infrastructure occurring on November 10, 2002, as provided in Sections 1 through 16 of Chapter 3, Third Extraordinary Session 2002.

(n) Actual costs, including personnel call-back wages, base and overtime wages, travel, per diem and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by regional response teams as a result of being mobilized or deployed when so tasked by the Governor pursuant to Section 33-15-11(b)(7), or by the director for emergency response pursuant to Section 33-15-15(a).

(o) The state's portion of the cost share for public assistance under the Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster



for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR) dated August 29, 2005,
for hurricane or other storm damage to public facilities and
infrastructure as a result of Hurricane Katrina, as provided in
Section 3 of Chapter 538, Laws of 2006.

(p) Costs incurred for alternative housing grants up to
Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) per county, per
event, to be administered by the Mississippi Emergency Management
Agency for materials only for repairs to communities that do not
qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency Individual
Assistance Grants.

(q) Costs incurred by the Mississippi Emergency
Management Agency, approved by the executive director, to assist
municipalities and counties by allowing them to apply and receive
funds for debris removal support, which funds shall be reimbursed
to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency at the date
determined after the federal disaster declaration. The
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall adopt rules and
regulations necessary to administer this program.

(5) Whenever the director determines that funds are
immediately needed in the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund to
provide for disaster assistance under this article, he or she
shall notify the Executive Director of the Department of Finance
and Administration of his or her determination and shall
requisition the amount of funds from the Working
Cash-Stabilization Fund that are needed in the trust fund, which



575 shall be subject to the limitations set forth below in this
576 subsection. At the same time he or she makes the requisition, the
577 director shall notify the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the
578 House of Representatives and the respective Chairmen of the Senate
579 Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House
580 Appropriations Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee of
581 his or her determination of the need for the funds and the amount
582 that he or she has requisitioned. Upon receipt of such a
583 requisition from the director, the Executive Director of the
584 Department of Finance and Administration shall ascertain if the
585 amount requisitioned is available in the Working
586 Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund and is within the limitations set
587 forth below in this subsection and, if it is, he shall transfer
588 that amount from the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund to
589 the trust fund. If the amount requisitioned is more than the
590 amount available in the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or above
591 the limitations set forth below in this subsection, the executive
592 director shall transfer the amount that is available within the
593 limitations. The maximum amount that may be transferred from the
594 Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund to the trust fund for any
595 disaster or disasters occurrence shall be and * * * Five Million
596 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). The maximum amount that may be
597 transferred * * * from the Work Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund to
598 the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund for the state's twenty-five
599 percent (25%) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) match for



600 simplified Other Needs Assistance (ONA) shall be Ten Million
601 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

602 (6) Unexpended state funds in the Disaster Assistance Trust
603 Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State
604 General Fund but shall remain in the trust fund for use under this
605 article for as long as the funds are needed for the particular
606 purpose for which they were appropriated, deposited or transferred
607 into the trust fund. After any state funds in the trust fund are
608 no longer needed for the particular purpose for which they were
609 appropriated, deposited or transferred into the trust fund, the
610 director may use those funds for any other purpose under this
611 article for which they currently are needed and for which other
612 funds are not available. If there is no current need for such
613 funds for any purpose under this article, the funds and the income
614 earned from the investment of the funds shall be transferred back
615 to the particular fund or funds in the State Treasury from which
616 they were appropriated or transferred into the trust fund, upon
617 certification of the director to the Executive Director of the
618 Department of Finance and Administration that the funds are not
619 currently needed; however, if such funds are derived from the
620 proceeds of general obligation bonds issued by the state under
621 Section 3 of Chapter 538, Laws of 2006, such excess funds and the
622 income earned from such funds shall be utilized to pay the debt
623 service on such bonds.



624 **SECTION 6.** Section 3 of this act shall take effect and be in
625 force from and after its passage, all other sections of this act
626 shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 25-53-171, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH ESTABLISHES THE MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
3 COMMISSION UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
4 TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; TO CREATE SECTION 33-15-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE
5 OF 1972, TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
6 COMMISSION AS A SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNICATION
7 AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
8 INCLUDE OVERSEEING THE MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
9 COMMISSION WITHIN THE DUTIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY
10 MANAGEMENT AGENCY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
11 ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND THE
12 STATE PERSONNEL BOARD SHALL HAVE THE POWERS NECESSARY IN CARRYING
13 OUT THE TRANSFER OF THE MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
14 COMMISSION REQUIRED BY THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-307,
15 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW UP TO \$5,000,000.00 TO BE
16 TRANSFERRED FROM THE WORKING CASH-STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND TO
17 THE TRUST FUND FOR DISASTERS OR DISASTERS OCCURRENCE; TO ALLOW UP
18 TO \$10,000,000.00 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE WORKING
19 CASH-STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND TO THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST
20 FUND FOR THE STATE'S 25% FEMA MATCH FOR SIMPLIFIED ONA; AND FOR
21 RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Johnson

X (SIGNED)
Robinson

X (SIGNED)
DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Ford (73rd)

X (SIGNED)
Mansell

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Zuber

