

By: Representatives Read,
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To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF STATE GENERAL
2 FUNDS, CAPITAL EXPENSE FUNDS, EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS AND
3 SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026 TO DEFRAY THE
4 EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 CORRECTIONS; THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTIVE
7 SERVICES; THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE
8 AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; THE PEARL
9 RIVER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums herein

12 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
14 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by
15 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for
16 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,
17 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the
18 Attorney General for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
19 June 30, 2025.....\$ 156,842.00.

20 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following
21 amounts are provided:



22 (a) United States Environmental Protection Agency and the
23 State of Mississippi; Chemfax, Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport,
24 Harrison County, Mississippi; Docket Number CERCLA 04 2014 3756...
25\$ 6,224.00.

26 (b) Marta Salvador as Next of Kin to Minor D.C. and Minor
27 D.C. v. Mississippi School for the Deaf and Blind; Civil Action
28 No. 3:23-cv-3100-TSL-RPM (S.D. Miss).....\$ 25,000.00.

29 (c) Curtis Flowers v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of
30 Montgomery County, Mississippi, Cause No. 1:20 cv 00150.....
31\$ 50,000.00.

32 (d) Eddie Lee Howard v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court
33 of Lowndes County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2021 0026 CV1C.....
34\$ 50,000.00.

35 (e) Anthony Fox v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of
36 Hinds County, Mississippi, Cause No. 24-188.....\$ 25,618.00.

37 **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums herein
38 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
39 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
40 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by
41 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for
42 certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees,
43 judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the
44 Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act
45 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,185,000.00.



46 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following
47 amounts are provided:

48 (a) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the
49 State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United
50 States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi,
51 Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L) (N).....\$ 120,000.00.

52 (b) United States Department of Justice CRIPA Investigation
53 of MDOC.....\$ 350,000.00.

54 (c) Alexander, et al. v. Hall, et al., Cause No. 4:30 CV 21
55 SA JMV.....\$ 300,000.00.

56 (d) IRS v. State Agencies.....\$ 75,000.00.

57 (e) White, et al.v. State Board of Election Commissioners,
58 et al., No.4:22-CV-00062-SA-JMV (N.D. Miss).....\$ 150,000.00.

59 (f) Mississippi State Conference of the National Conference
60 for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State Board of
61 Election Commissioners, et al. No. 3:22-cv-734 (S.D. Miss).....
62\$ 190,000.00.

63 **SECTION 3.** In addition to all other sums herein
64 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
65 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
66 State General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the
67 Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of
68 Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
69 30, 2025.....\$ 4,314,425.00.



70 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
71 expenses of the medical program.

72 **SECTION 4.** In addition to all other sums herein
73 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
74 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
75 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by
76 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department
77 of Corrections for the period beginning upon passage of this act,
78 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 14,000,000.00.

79 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
80 expenses related to the replacement of the offender tracking
81 system.

82 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein
83 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
84 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
85 Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by
86 the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi
87 State Department of Health for the period beginning upon passage
88 of this act and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 4,091,381.00.

89 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
90 legal expenses associated with the City of Jackson Water
91 litigation.

92 **SECTION 6.** In addition to all other sums herein
93 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
94 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the



Education Enhancement Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Education for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 826,333.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the cost of the annual salary supplement for eligible employees who meet the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the State General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of Child Protection Services for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 27,425,298.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenditures, including but not limited to expenditures due to the increased number of children in custody and in-home cases, out-of-state therapeutic placement expenditures, temporary placement expenditures, foster board and adoption subsidy expenditures.

SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and



120 Marriage and Family Therapists and allocated in a manner as
121 determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of
122 the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family
123 Therapists for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
124 30, 2025.....\$ 50,000.00.

125 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
126 operational expenses.

127 **SECTION 9.** In addition to all other sums herein
128 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
129 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
130 to the credit of the Department of Mental Health and allocated in
131 a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the
132 expenses of the Department of Mental Health for the period
133 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
134\$ 47,548,707.00.

135 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
136 operational expenses.

137 **SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein
138 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
139 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
140 to the credit of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District and
141 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to
142 defray the expenses of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply
143 District for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June
144 30, 2025.....\$ 1,048,274.00.



145 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
146 operational expenses.

147 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
148 and after passage.

