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To: Appropriations E;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1937

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
3 YEAR 2027.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance
8 of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the
9 provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....
11\$ 11,456,706.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
14 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library
15 Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by
16 or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of
17 defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....



19\$ 4,888,390.00.

20 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
21 this act, not more than the following amount of funds, with the
22 exception of the provisions in this section, shall be expended
23 only for "Personal Services," which includes "Vacancy Funding,"
24 for the following authorized number of employment headcount:

25 FUNDING:

26	General Funds:	\$ 2,427,579.00
27	Special Funds:	\$ 1,047,649.00
28	Total Funds:	\$ 3,475,228.00

29 PERSONAL SERVICES:

30	Employee Salaries, Wages and	
31	Fringe Benefits:	\$ 3,357,349.00
32	Progressions:	\$ 0.00
33	Vacancy Funding:	\$ 117,879.00
34	Total Personal Services:	\$ 3,475,228.00

35 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

36	Permanent:	48
37	Time-Limited:	1

38 As used in this section, the term "Personal Services" shall
39 mean funds provided under the major object of expenditure category
40 Personal Services for Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits. Funds
41 in this category shall not be transferred to any other category.

42 It is the intention of the Legislature to ensure compliance
43 with the Variable Compensation Plan, as outlined in Section



44 25-9-147, Mississippi Code of 1972. Payment from these funds shall
45 be in accordance with the Variable Compensation Plan promulgated
46 by the Mississippi State Personnel Board. It is the Legislature's
47 intention that no employee's salary falls below the minimum salary
48 established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

49 The State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the
50 projected annual cost of "Personal Services" based on monthly and
51 year-to-date payroll expenditures in compliance with the
52 provisions of this act.

53 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
54 responsibility to ensure that no single personnel action or
55 combination of personnel actions, when annualized, exceeds the
56 Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation for "Personal Services" with the
57 exception of escalated funds. Further, it shall be the agency's
58 responsibility to ensure that funds required to be appropriated
59 for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2028 do not exceed Fiscal
60 Year 2027 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or
61 positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2027 budget by the
62 Mississippi Legislature.

63 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change
64 "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the
65 agency has taken or will take an action that would cause the
66 agency to exceed the funds appropriated in this act when
67 annualized for Fiscal Year 2027 or increase the need for "Personal
68 Services" for Fiscal Year 2028, when annualized, the State



69 Personnel Board shall process no salary actions until such time as
70 the requirements of the provisions of this section are met with
71 the exception of new hires determined to be essential for the
72 agency.

73 When used in this section, "Vacancy Funding" shall mean funds
74 included in the Total Personal Services amount listed above and
75 designated for approved vacancies in Fiscal Year 2027. These funds
76 are to be utilized to increase the number of filled headcounts
77 that were authorized but unfilled as of the last day of Fiscal
78 Year 2026. If the agency fills additional headcounts after
79 February 1, 2026, until the end of Fiscal Year 2026, the amount of
80 available Vacancy Funding may be proportionally adjusted to
81 reflect the updated number of filled headcounts. The agency shall
82 be responsible for ensuring that "Vacancy Funding" is used to
83 increase headcounts and not for promotions, title changes,
84 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing
85 salaries for current employees.

86 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
87 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
88 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
89 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions or increase the
90 Personal Services total without written approval from the
91 Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of
92 Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to
93 escalate any funds for salaries and/or headcounts without proof of



94 availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated
95 level. Unless specifically noted, all Fiscal Year 2026 escalated
96 headcounts have been accounted for and shall be converted to
97 authorized time-limited headcounts.

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

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

106 If the agency's total authorized headcount decreases from
107 Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2027, it will be the agency's
108 discretion as to what headcounts are removed.

109 **SECTION 4.** Funds to be distributed to eligible public
110 library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall
111 be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December
112 31, March 31 and June 30.

113 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
114 Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting
115 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
116 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
117 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
118 2026. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the



119 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2028 shall be submitted to
120 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
121 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
122 during the Fiscal Year 2027 budget request process.

123 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
124 Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred
125 Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the
126 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
127 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

128 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three
129 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) or so much thereof as
130 may be necessary, is derived from the Education Enhancement Fund
131 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
132 1972, for MAGNOLIA.

133 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no
134 less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
135 (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

136 **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
137 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
138 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
139 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
140 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
141 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
142 performance measures provided below:

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144 <u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
145 Administrative Services	
146 Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,150
147 Library Services	
148 Number of Continuing Education Workshops	
149 Held per Year	75
150 Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
151 Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille,	
152 Audio, Etc	2,500
153 Number of Children Participating in	
154 Statewide Summer Library Prg	100,000
155 Number of Items Borrowed and Loaned on	
156 the Interlibrary Loan System	10,000
157 Number of Items Available for Use	
158 Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan	
159 System	5,000,000
160 Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	35,000,000
161 Number of Items Available for Use at MLC	
162 (PPrimary Resource Library)	100,000

163 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
164 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
165 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
166 Committee for Fiscal Year 2028.

167 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Million
168 One Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Eighty-nine Dollars



169 (\$5,133,089.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for
170 all full-time library staff members in each public library in
171 Mississippi.

172 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
173 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
174 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
175 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
176 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
177 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
178 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
179 made without competitive bids.

180 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
181 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
182 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
183 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
184 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
185 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
186 actions contrary to this provision.

187 **SECTION 13.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
188 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
189 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
190 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
191 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
192 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.



193 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
194 and after July 1, 2026.

