

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1937

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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\$ 11,477,082.00.

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\$ 4,894,825.00.

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:	\$ 2,490,676.00
27	Special Funds:	\$ 1,011,363.00
28	Total Funds:	\$ 3,502,039.00

29 PERSONAL SERVICES:

30	Employee Salaries, Wages and	
31	Fringe Benefits:	\$ 3,311,820.00
32	Progressions:	\$ 0.00
33	Vacancy Funding:	\$ 190,219.00
34	Total Personal Services:	\$ 3,502,039.00

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
45 shall be in accordance with the Variable Compensation Plan
46 promulgated by the Mississippi State Personnel Board. It is the
47 Legislature's intention that no employee's salary falls below the

48 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel
49 Board.

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

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

64 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change
65 "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the
66 agency has taken or will take an action that would cause the
67 agency to exceed the funds appropriated in this act when
68 annualized for Fiscal Year 2027 or increase the need for "Personal
69 Services" for Fiscal Year 2028, when annualized, the State
70 Personnel Board shall process no salary actions until such time as
71 the requirements of the provisions of this section are met with
72 the exception of new hires determined to be essential for the
73 agency.

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

87 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
88 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
89 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
90 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions or increase the
91 Personal Services total without written approval from the
92 Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of
93 Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to
94 escalate any funds for salaries and/or headcounts without proof of
95 availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated
96 level. Unless specifically noted, all Fiscal Year 2026 escalated
97 headcounts have been accounted for and shall be converted to
98 authorized time-limited headcounts.

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

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

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

110 **SECTION 4.** Funds to be distributed to eligible public
111 library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall
112 be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December
113 31, March 31 and June 30.

114 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
115 Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting
116 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
117 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
118 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
119 2026. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
120 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2028 shall be submitted to
121 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
122 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
123 during the Fiscal Year 2027 budget request process.

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

129 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three
130 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) or so much thereof as
131 may be necessary, is derived from the Education Enhancement Fund
132 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
133 1972, for MAGNOLIA.

134 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no
135 less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
136 (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

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

	FY2027
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Administrative Services	
Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,150
Library Services	
Number of Continuing Education Workshops	

150	Held per Year	75
151	Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
152	Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille,	
153	Audio, Etc	2,500
154	Number of Children Participating in	
155	Statewide Summer Library Prg	100,000
156	Number of Items Borrowed and Loaned on	
157	the Interlibrary Loan System	10,000
158	Number of Items Available for Use	
159	Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan	
160	System	5,000,000
161	Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	35,000,000
162	Number of Items Available for Use at MLC	
163	(Primary Resource Library)	100,000

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

168 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Million
169 One Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Eighty-nine Dollars
170 (\$5,133,089.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for
171 all full-time library staff members in each public library in
172 Mississippi.

173 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
174 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
175 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things

176 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
177 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
178 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
179 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
180 made without competitive bids.

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

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

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

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

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

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